

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (720) 601/7455/9**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work in horticulture. It provides you with a wide range of specialist technical practical skills, knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the horticultural industry.
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working in horticulture. You will learn skills such as safe working, using equipment and machinery, plant identification, plant health and soil science, pruning and maintenance and business skills. You will learn further specialist skills which could include protected and outdoor horticultural crop production, water management (irrigation and drainage), turf management or planning landscape and garden designs, site surveying and levelling out, using computer aided design and managing landscape projects. You could also learn about more advanced horticultural science or the historical influences on the development of gardens.</p> <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the horticultural industry or specialist further study.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?	<p>This qualification exposes you to many parts of the horticultural industry, and the opportunities within it. On completion, it is likely that you will enter the industry by working within a public or private park or garden, for a landscape company or for a plant nursery. As you will have gained a wide range of skills and knowledge over a wide range of units, you could progress within work to become a:</p> <p>You might progress into work as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production supervisor • Landscape team leader/supervisor • Park team supervisor

	<p>You may also wish to become self-employed, and could undertake roles such as a freelance gardener or garden designer, or set up your own landscape company.</p>
<p>Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?</p>	<p>This is typically delivered as a two course alongside another qualification such as an AS or A level. It offers a solid foundation for specialised study in different aspects of the horticultural industry. You will gain a wide range of skills and knowledge that employers recognise and value. The qualification contains a wide variety of units that offer you the opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of experiences working in horticulture.</p> <p>City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Horticulture: Certificate, Diploma (540), Extended Diploma (720) and Extended Diploma (1080).</p> <p>You would take the Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the core skills and knowledge required by employers in the horticultural industry. The Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.</p> <p>You would take the Diploma (540) if you want a qualification to develop some of the skills and knowledge that can lead to specific roles required by employers in the horticultural industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.</p> <p>You would take the Extended Diploma (720) if you want to specialise, to develop most of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the horticultural industry. The Extended Diploma (720) is likely to be taken as part of a full-time two year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.</p> <p>You would take the Extended Diploma (1080) if you want to specialise and develop the skills and knowledge required by employers in the horticultural industry. The Extended Diploma (1080) is likely to be taken as a full-time programme of study over two years. By taking this large qualification, you will be exposed to, and have the opportunity to gain experience in, the wider horticultural sector. This will enable you to progress to a diverse range of employment opportunities, as you will have gained hands-on experience over 2 years, which employers really value.</p>
<p>Will the qualification lead to further learning?</p>	<p>You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture, which allows you to combine working for a Public Garden or Park, a Landscape firm, Nursery or a similar job, and typically attending one day a week at College or with a Training Provider.</p>

You may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution.

You could study courses such as:

- FdSc Horticulture
- BSc (Hons) Horticulture
- FdSc Sports Turf
- BSc (Hons) Sports Turf Science & Management

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education
Institutions

The British Growers Association (BGA)
The Horticultural Trades Association (HTA)
The British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.
