Our Landscape Operative apprenticeship offer provides all the materials you need to sustain flexible delivery models that are cost-effective, time-efficient and meet the learning styles of your apprentices, ensuring they’re motivated to be successful, productive in their role and are fully prepared for end-point assessment.

In order to offer a genuine end-to-end solution we’ll provide high-quality, rigorous end-point assessment, at a time and place convenient for your apprentice.

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) approved the new Landscape Operative apprenticeship in June 2017 and it replaces the existing Level 2 Work-based Diploma in Horticulture (Landscaping (0065-73)) under the Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for England (SASE) framework.

Developed to meet the needs of employers and designed with input from an employer group including: Association of Professional Landscapers (APL), British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI), City of London, Continental Landscapes Ltd, English Heritage, Glendale Managed Services, Ground Control, Historic and Botanic Garden Training Programme, Holland Landscapes, Horticultural Trades Association (HTA), John O’Conner Grounds Maintenance, National Trust, Quadron idverde, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Royal Horticultural Society, Scarborough Borough Council, Wildlife Gardening Forum.

On-programme learning: We do not intend to deliver this
End-point assessment: We will submit an application to the ESFA

City & Guilds – helping you with a tailored package
Our Digital Learning Resources Team has been working together with our well-established network of specialists, colleges and providers, to develop the right tools to support on- and off-the-job training.

Training specification
Supports on-programme delivery.

Our exclusive support package has been designed to keep your apprentices motivated and on track for successful end-point assessment.

For more information please visit cityandguilds.com

Typical duration: 24 months
Funding band: 7 (£5,000)*
Level 2

*Funding bands from May 2017.
The City & Guilds Landscape Operative apprenticeship

Landscape operatives work in public parks, green spaces, historic gardens, private gardens and estates or in retail outlets and production nurseries. The distinct nature of landscaping means very few businesses can offer the full breadth of skills. The employment area will help the apprentice choose which option to follow. The Landscape Operative standard focuses on the installation of features and structures, application of landscape materials as well as supporting site management. During the selection process, candidates should show their interest in landscaping as well as their ability to demonstrate the importance and benefits of green space and the types of skills appropriate to different businesses and cultural sites.

The apprentice journey

1. On-programme: what is required in the assessment plan?

The apprentice must complete a portfolio of evidence that meets the requirements of the training specification and the apprenticeship standard. The training specification outlines the recommended content that needs to be covered during the apprenticeship programme to meet the skills, knowledge and behavioural requirements of the standard. The portfolio is mandatory and elements of it may be used to inform questioning during the professional discussion. Apprentices should build up supporting evidence for their portfolio throughout their final year. The portfolio will not be graded as part of the end-point assessment, but will be the basis of the professional discussion.

How our offer supports on-programme delivery

Training specification

A training specification is available to support the on-programme delivery. It will be available once the apprentice is registered for end-point assessment.

Maths and English requirements

If your apprentices need to complete maths and English, our popular Functional Skills qualifications fit within apprenticeship programmes and cover the core maths and English requirement for the workplace and further study. We have an extensive support package available, including e-Functional Skills, and an online teaching and learning platform, which guides learners from an initial and a diagnostic assessment, through to being exam ready.

Find out more: cityandguilds.com/functionalskills
1. Gateway

The employer and provider must sign off the apprentice as ready to move on to end-point assessment.

2. Gateway

To move on to end-point assessment, the apprentice will need to complete the training programme and the on-programme portfolio (including appraisals, apprentice journal, qualifications, written and practical tests). The employer, in consultation with the training provider, will put the apprentice forward for end-point assessment when they have completed:

- their portfolio to a sufficient standard
- their professional qualifications (as found in the standard)
- Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work
- Level 2 Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides Guidance OR Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides
- apprentices without Level 2 English and maths must achieve Level 1 and take the test for Level 2.

3. End-point assessment

The end-point assessment must demonstrate that the apprentice can perform in the occupation in a fully competent, holistic and productive way.

The assessment will be graded if required by the standard.

The assessment organisation and assessor must be independent of, and separate from, the training provided by the provider and employer.

4. Apprenticeship certification

On successful completion, the end-point assessment organisation will apply to the ESFA for the apprenticeship certificate. The certificate will be sent to the apprentice’s employer.

As well as receiving their ESFA apprenticeship certificate, the apprentice will receive the City & Guilds statement of achievement for end-point assessment.
Our commitment to you
Alongside our support materials for this standard, we’re dedicated to supporting your wider apprenticeship strategy with a range of events and webinars run by industry specialists to advise and guide you.
And our consultancy teams can help you prepare for apprenticeship delivery and help you understand the new standards and funding.

Information about events, webinars and our consultancy is online: cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships

How our offer supports providers

Technical support
Our Technical Advisors are on hand to answer any questions you might have about on-programme learning or end-point assessment.

Customer Services Team
Our dedicated Business Managers and Customer Support Team are here to support you and your learners throughout all aspects of apprenticeships from registration to completion.

More information
If you’re a City & Guilds centre, visit Walled Garden or contact your Business Manager to find out prices and if any elements are extra to the package. If you’re a new customer, contact apprenticeships@cityandguilds.com to find out more.