



RHS Qualifications

RHS Level 3

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1. **RHS Qualifications Contact Details**

RHS Qualifications is the Awarding Organisation of the Royal Horticultural Society.

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RHS Garden Wisley
Woking
Surrey

3. RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

3.1 Introduction

The Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture focuses on developing the essential basic horticultural skills. These not only offer opportunities for employment, but provide the foundation for further skills development at levels. By carefully focusing on key essential skills, it has been possible to develop a practical qualification that can be studied on a part-time basis, either during the day or in the evening. RHS theoretical and practical qualifications are offered separately in order to provide maximum flexibility to candidates, providers and employers.

Whilst there are no formal pre-requisites for entry to the qualification, it is strongly recommended that students who undertake this qualification have obtained the RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture or equivalent before they commence on the course.

The qualification is on the Register of Regulated Qualification.

Qualification Number: 500/9782/9

3.2 Guided Learning Hours (GLH) and Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The Guided Learning Hours (GLH) represent the time that the learner spends learning under the immediate guidance and supervision of a tutor and includes assessment by the tutor, as well as invigilated exams. Guided Learning Hours are always less than total qualification time, as learners are expected to complete a certain amount of study in their own time.

The Guided Learning Hours for this qualification are 112.

Total Qualification Time (TQT) includes the Guided Learning Hours and represents the notional time that an average learner could reasonably expect to take to complete the learning outcomes of the units to the standard determined by the assessment criteria, and gain the qualification. It includes all face-to-face contact with tutors as well as assessment time and unsupervised directed study, coursework and practice.

The Total Qualification Time for this qualification is 165.

3.3 Teaching Pattern

The qualification is designed to be studied on a part-time basis. No particular teaching pattern

3.4 Qualification Structure

The qualification will be awarded to those who successfully complete the four mandatory units and one of the optional units.

RHS Ref	Unit	Level
	<i>Mandatory Units</i>	

Collecting and testing of soil samples and

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3.7 Learning Resources

There is a wide range of books and other learning resources published which support the studies of those learning horticulture. RHS Qualifications does not recommend or endorse any specific learning resources as meeting the needs of learners studying for RHS qualifications. Learners are encouraged to seek guidance from their tutors on which resources best support their studies, or to choose the most appropriate resources for their needs from the wealth of material available.

4. Approved Centres

Centres wishing to offer examinations leading to RHS qualifications must be approved by RHS Qualifications.

Applications for approval should be sent to the Quality Assurance and Relationships Officer at the contact details in section 1.

5. Candidate Registration

RHS Approved centres should register candidates for examinations in the units of the qualification through the RHS Qualifications web portal.

Approved Centres undertake to obtain on behalf of their learners a Unique Learner Number (ULN), unless the learner chooses not to have one.

If centres supply an email address for candidates at the time of registration, candidates will be invited to open an account on the RHS Qualifications web portal, and will be able to view their qualification history, their current registrations, and their results when available.

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7. Fees

For a full list of fees please see the RHS Qualifications Fees Notice, this document is available on the Qualifications page on the RHS website and on the RHS web portal.

All fees are payable prior to confirmation of service or entry for assessment.

Replacement Certificate (if lost, damaged or destroyed)

The fee for a replacement certificate can be found on the RHS Qualifications Fees Notice. Please send your request to the Qualifications Department.

8. Appeals Procedure

An Appeals procedure exists to conduct appeals lodged by candidates against decisions made by RHS Qualifications, concerning their performance, the granting of an award and/or the

Collecting and testing of soil samples and specifying adjustments for horticulture

RHS reference number: R3121

Unit reference number: A/601/7683

Unit guided learning hours: 18

Unit level: Level 3

Unit purpose and aim(s): This unit provides the learner with the knowledge and skills to collect and test soil samples and to specify adjustments for horticulture

Learning Outcomes

The learner will:

- 1 Understand potential hazards and risks
- 2 Be able to select and use appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing
- 3 Understand reasons for soil testing
- 4 Be able to collect and prepare a 307.3€

Assessment Criteria

The learner can:

- 1.1 Define the hazards associated with soil to include
 - (a) foreign objects
 - (b) animal waste
 - (c) diseases
- 1.2 Assess the risks of working with soil and the tools used for collecting soil samples
- 2.1 Select and use appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing
- 3.1 Explain why soil texture testing is carried out
- 3.2 Explain why pH testing is carried out

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| 6 | Be able to measure the pH of soil | 6.1 | Perform a series of pH tests using an industry standard soil testing kit |
| | | 6.2 | Interpret the results to accurately identify the pH of different soil samples |
| 7 | Be able to specify suitable materials to amend the PH value of soils | 7.1 | Specify a suitable material to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) raise the pH of the soil b) lower the pH of the soil |
| 8 | Be able to measure the area of a given site and make calculations | 8.1 | Perform calculations to estimate the material requirements to alter the pH of the area |
| | | 8.2 | Perform calculations to estimate the fertiliser requirements of the area |
| 9 | Be able to diagnose nutrient deficiencies and recommend remedial action | 9.1 | Correctly diagnose nutrient deficiencies from pictures and samples |
| | | 9.2 | Specify materials to correct nutrient deficiencies |

4. Be able to maintain and use equipment during seed propagation
 5. Be able to promote health627.94 180
- 4.1 Ensure equipment is prepared, used and maintained in a safe and effective condition

Establishing and maintaining a range of plant types and forms

RHS reference number: R3123

Unit reference number: Y/601/7688

Unit guided learning hours: 28

Unit level: Level 3

Unit purpose and aim(s): This unit provides the learner with the knowledge and skills to plant a tree; to carry out maintenance pruning and training on a range of plants; and to provide aftercare to promote growth and fruition.

Learning Outcomes

The learner will:

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| 1. | Understand the potential hazards and risks associated with establishing and maintaining plants |
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Assessment Criteria

The learner can:

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| 1.1 | Define | nBT/F2 11.0(0ow0ee/oi1 0 0.04 Tf1 0 0 |
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Identification of a range of common garden plants, weeds, pests, diseases and disorders

RHS reference number: R3124

Unit reference number: R/601/7690

Unit guided learning hours : 23

Unit level: Level 3

Unit purpose and aim(s):

Planning, collecting, preparing and establishing propagation material

RHS reference number: R3125

Unit reference number: Y/601/7691

Unit guided learning hours: 21

Unit level: Level 3

Unit purpose and aim(s): This unit is designed to provide learners with the knowledge and skills to plan, collect, prepare and establish propagation material.

4. Establish propagation material in a growing environment 4.1

