

Proposed Changes to RHS Qualifications and Transition Arrangements Level 3

We appreciate learners considering an RHS course or partway through their programme are concerned over the validity and completion of their course with the introduction of our revised Level 3 qualifications from September 2023. We have been working on transitional arrangements between our existing and new qualifications to ensure all learners have the opportunity to complete.

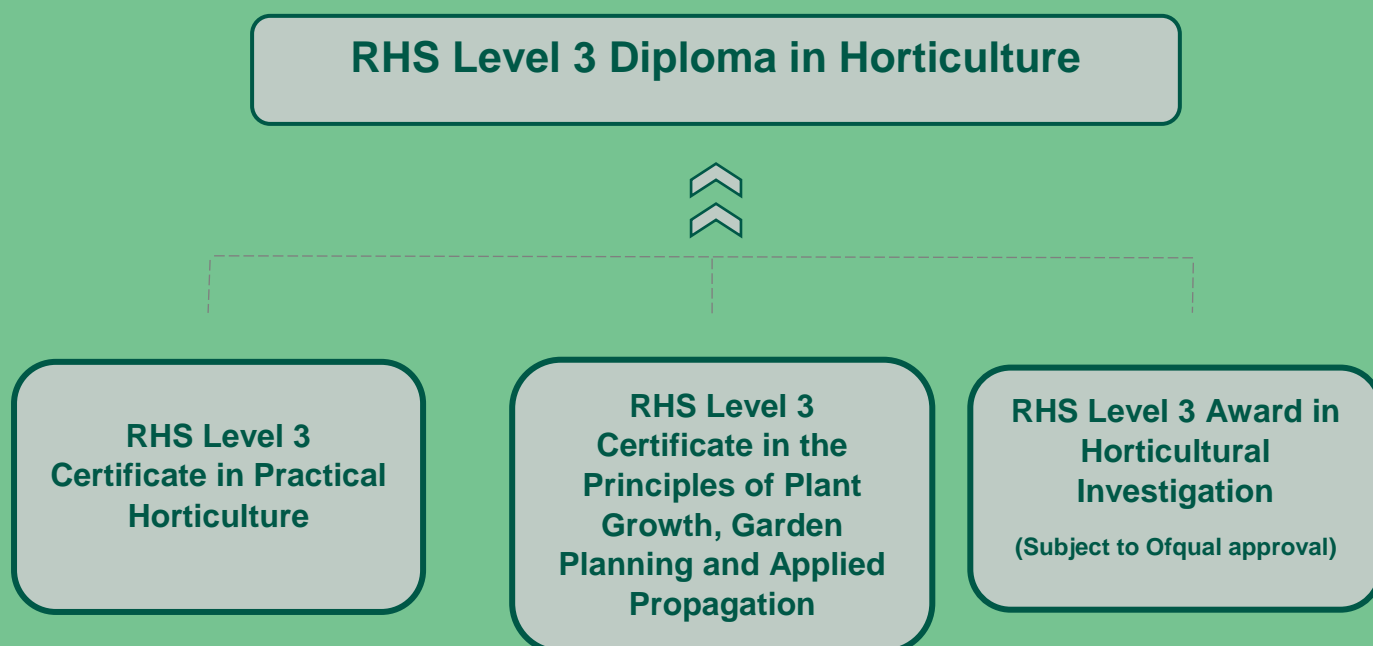
We hope this document outlines our plans. It is important to recognise that the regulators have not yet approved the Level 3 Award qualification and therefore is **subject to change**. Should changes be required, RHS Qualifications will endeavour to ensure that these are kept to a minimum as far as we are able to do so.

Revised Qualification Structure:

Following consultation with industry and various stakeholders, it is proposed RHS qualifications will continue with a separate theory and practical pathway. This will include the introduction of two new routes (practical and theory) and achievement of both, along with the Award in Horticultural Investigation will provide learners with the overarching RHS Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture.

The revised Level 3 has been designed to build on the Level 2 programmes. It supports specialist / industry-specific pathways informed by the findings of the Ornamental Horticultural Round Table Group (OHRG). It is aimed at those progressing in horticultural roles or having a specialist personal interest in the supervision and development of gardens and landscapes, thus meeting the needs of the amateur gardeners and professional horticulturists alike.

Revised RHS Level 3 Structure from September 2023:



Key:

- Current Qualifications
- New Qualifications
- Assessments

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