



HORTICULTURE/LANDSCAPE OPERATIVE LEVEL 2

EMPLOYER COSTINGS

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START DATES

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QUALIFICATION

Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard
Horticulture/Landscape Operative

DURATION & ATTENDANCE

22 months - Day release

END ASSESSMENT

End Point Assessment
Observations

WAGES

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OVERVIEW

Horticulture and Landscape Operatives can be employed to work in public parks and gardens, green spaces and historic gardens, private gardens and estates or in production nurseries and retail outlets. Many businesses will be specialised in their activities, such as grounds maintenance (soft-landscape) or landscape construction (hard-landscape). Soft-landscaping includes the establishment and maintenance of plants and cultivated areas. Hard-landscaping includes establishment of hard surfaces and structures in addition to the establishment of plants in cultivated areas. The distinct nature of these two specialisms means very few businesses can offer the full breadth of skills and therefore two options are available for this occupation; horticulture and landscape construction. The horticulture option focuses on plant propagation and plant growth. The landscape construction option focuses on the installation of features and structures; application of landscape materials as well as supporting site management. Work is generally based outside and undertaken throughout the year, so apprentices will frequently work outside in all weathers. Often people new to the industry will start in a 'hands-on' role covering a range of practical tasks, with specialist skills being learnt through progression. A wide range of machinery and tools are used and additional training may be required depending on the nature of the works undertaken.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Ideally candidates will have 5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) including English and Maths

CORE SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Industry understanding
- Business
- Communication
- Health & safety
- Team working
- Environmental
- Plant growth & development
- Tools, equipment & machinery
- Vegetation control
- Biosecurity
- Plant identification
- Soil science
- Plant health
- Soil cultivation
- Maintain hard structures

Plus

- Additional skills/knowledge for Landscape Construction or Horticulture specialism

ADDITIONAL STUDIES

- First Aid Level 2
- Pesticides Use/Handling Level 2

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