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Grow your future with RHS Learning

Discover our range of qualifications, educational programmes,
and short courses and workshops.





Understanding horticulture is essential in maintaining the future of our gardens, plants and the natural world around us.

The RHS has a broad range of education and learning opportunities available for all ages, backgrounds and skill sets.

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RHS Qualifications

RHS Qualifications are highly regarded, industry recognised and OFQUAL approved qualifications from Levels 1-3. Available through our rigorously approved centres around the UK, RHS Qualifications provide learners with an understanding of current horticultural practices with sustainability at its core. With the syllabus written by independent horticultural experts, learners can feel confident that their achievement will be sought after by prospective employers, and is an ideal starting point for career entry, as well as those wishing to extend skills and knowledge for personal interest. Each RHS Qualification is designed to be completed part-time over one year, and depending on the level and certificate, there are flexible study options which include online, face-to-face via blended learning or at an approved centre.

RHS Level 1

RHS Level 1 consists of two qualifications which are aimed at 14 – 19 year olds as well as adults with additional learning needs. It introduces basic learning skills after school as well as growing a foundation interest in horticulture.

RHS Level 2

RHS Level 2 does not require any prior industry experience and is ideal for those learners who are wanting to begin a career in horticulture. Level 2 also caters to those currently in industry wanting to formalise their training with a professional qualification or alternatively are looking to expand their skills for personal interest. It consists of two certificates; the Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development as well as the Certificate in Practical Horticulture. Although certificates can be achieved separately, it is recommended to achieve both elements to demonstrate the vital skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the modern day workplace.

RHS Level 3

RHS Level 3 is for those already working in horticulture and have ideally completed RHS Level 2 or are wanting to specialise in a particular interest as well as further their knowledge within industry. Level 3 is highly valued and desired by employers and consists of three different qualifications; a practical-based qualification, a knowledge-based qualification and a project-based task based on the learners' interest. It is recommended that those seeking supervisory or management roles will achieve all qualifications to demonstrate competence, confidence and leadership.

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Master of Horticulture (MHort)

The Master of Horticulture (MHort) is a Level 6 Award, recognised as a degree-level equivalent, which is designed for accomplished horticulturists wishing to further their knowledge, develop researching capabilities, improve communication and managerial skills, as well as focus on business development. The programme is delivered predominately online via the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) allowing candidates to work flexibly within their own surroundings, and to meet the assessment deadlines from anywhere in the world, running alongside work or other commitments.

The MHort is flexible and delivered part-time over three years. It requires candidates to be motivated and able to undertake focused, autonomous research within a structured assessment environment. The first year helps broaden the candidate's understanding of the horticultural environment and develop appropriate skills to underpin their future research. In the second year, candidates have the opportunity to select scenarios within the assessments to deepen their knowledge by specialising in areas that are of interest and relevant to their careers.

The final year provides the opportunity to demonstrate how to apply acquired knowledge in real-life situations, and to carry out research on a topic of choice, producing a comprehensive Dissertation. As a result of obtaining the RHS MHort award, graduates are able to use the prestigious MHort (RHS) after their name.

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RHS Work-Based Training

Spend your days working with and learning from horticultural experts. Choose from a variety of opportunities specially designed to grow your skills.



RHS Level 3 & Level 4 Diploma in Horticultural Practice

Both the Level 3 & Level 4 Diplomas are delivered at RHS Garden Wisley only. Students work in the garden (for a salary) and study part time over two years; the students training is funded by the RHS.

These work based qualifications are designed to give a broad overview of the theory and practice of horticulture. Students rotate through 10 departments in the Garden and attend detailed lecture and masterclass programmes by expert Horticulturists who teach students vital work and employability skills at the same time as achieving horticultural expertise. Students need to hold a Level 2 qualification in Horticulture as well as hold previous work experience within the industry before applying.

During the first year, students are given the opportunity to design and tend to their own allotment and are taught a wide range of units such as horticultural operations and garden history, plant care, botany and plant establishment and maintenance as well as garden design.

During the second year, students are given a design and build project and are briefed from a client in the community. The students then design their own garden and pitch this back allowing the winning design to be built together as a team.

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Year 1 - Level 3

You will learn the following areas of horticulture...

- Horticultural operations
- Plant care
- Establishment and maintenance
- Horticultural taxonomy
- Botany and plantsmanship
- Horticultural history
- Philosophy and design
- Productive growing propagation
- Soils and growing media

Year 2 - Level 4

You will complete...

- Ornamental planting
- Horticultural taxonomy
- Botany and plantsmanship II
- Plant health II
- Garden design
- Landscape construction
- Propagation and protected growing environments
- Research project
- Manage and build project



Apprenticeships

RHS Gardens provide work based practical training for apprentice Horticulturists, Arborists and Land-Based Service Engineers. This is complimented by college training as required for the relevant Government Apprenticeship Standard.

The Level 2 Horticultural Operative Apprenticeship is available at all five RHS Gardens, provides a unique focus on ornamental gardening as well as plant growth and propagation. The Level 2 Arborist Apprenticeship, available at RHS Gardens Bridgewater, Rosemoor and Wisley allows teams to focus on the development, maintenance and enhancement of trees within a public garden.

Two three-year apprenticeships are available. The Level 3 Horticultural Supervisor Apprenticeship is available at RHS Garden Rosemoor, providing learners with knowledge and techniques of the seasonal work involved in an ornamental garden such as pruning and irrigation as well as the understanding of how garden teams carry out their work. The Level 3 Land-Based Service Engineering Technician, available at RHS Garden Bridgewater, allows the learner to work alongside experienced mechanics learning how to maintain, repair and inspect the diverse range of machinery and equipment used by horticultural teams.

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Professional Work Placements

This specialist Horticultural programme, available at all five RHS Gardens, allows placements to gain expertise in a particular garden department, focusing on a group of plants, garden practice or style within our one-year programme of paid work experience. Placements will assist the horticultural team with day-to-day cultivation and maintenance tasks.

Professional Work Placement applicants need to have completed a Level 2 horticultural qualification such as a National Certificate in Horticulture, Horticulture Operative Apprenticeship or RHS Level 2 Diploma in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture.



What placements are available?

RHS Gardens each provide different Professional Work Placement opportunities within their garden teams, a selection are listed below:

- Ornamental
- Alpine
- Edibles
- Glass
- Garden support services
- Nursery and propagation
- Trials
- Welcome and riverside
- Countryside and estate
- Floral
- Sustainable horticulture
- Wellbeing and community horticulture
- Rotational placement

Please check the RHS work-based training page from early December for the full list of placements available at each garden that year.

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Learning for all ages and backgrounds

Develop an interest & enhance your horticultural knowledge

New Shoots

The RHS is committed to the development of horticultural careers, support and programmes in order to counter the skills gaps within the industry. For this reason, a new initiative was launched called 'New Shoots' which focuses on raising awareness of horticulture as a career, and on encouraging and supporting a broad range of people into becoming professional horticulturists. New Shoots focuses on schools and young people from all backgrounds, and provides access to career information as well as interesting training opportunities. The foundation and encouragement that New Shoots provides will prompt a wider demographic to consider a horticultural career of their own and join the green sector.



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Courses and Workshops

All of the five RHS Gardens offer a wide variety of adult courses and workshops that will engage your interest and enhance your knowledge. These interactive courses and workshops run across the themes of:

- Horticulture
- Garden design
- Arts and crafts
- Creative workshops
- Photography classes

There is something for everyone from creative days out to short courses that develop your skills and are easily able to be booked online.

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Educational School Visits

School visits to RHS Gardens are a free of charge learning experience that give children the opportunity to get involved in practical horticulture, art and science.

They are designed to bring the curriculum to life in an inspiring setting at each of the gardens. Visits are led by the schools themselves or with workshops and are run by experienced Education Officers.

All our RHS Gardens are individual and the school visits programme, either guided or self-guided, have been adapted to suit each particular site for primary and secondary education.

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RHS Campaign for School Gardening



The RHS Campaign for School Gardening aims to give children and young people, from two to 18 years old, opportunities to grow and connect with nature. By supporting school staff, home educators and youth group leaders with training, resources and advice, it encourages young people to explore the outdoors and learn how to care for plants and our planet.

Inspiring children and young people to have a passion for plants can improve their wellbeing, understanding of the environment, confidence, communication skills and literacy and numeracy skills. It also enriches the school curriculum.

Join our campaign for free today to:

- Receive a free welcome pack full of seeds and resources for the garden
- Receive a monthly newsletter, full of stories, advice and opportunities to grow and apply for funding
- Apply for our free School Gardening Awards scheme where you can earn great rewards

Discover our training courses, which are designed to give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to grow and garden with young people.

JOIN TODAY

Registration is free. Scan the QR Code or visit schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk



Grow your career in horticulture with RHS Learning

Let your career flourish

Whatever your chosen career path, whether Horticulturist or Viticulturist, Botanist or Landscaper, your career will flourish on the RHS Learning journey.

Develop a solid base

Take your career journey to new heights with an RHS Level 3, Professional Work Placements, MHort, or RHS Diploma. Choose the right path for your chosen career.

It starts with strong roots

Join us and start your education the right way. From Educational Visits, New Shoots, RHS Level 1, RHS Level 2 & Apprenticeships - there's a first step right for you.

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How to contact us

RHS Qualifications

We're here to help cultivate your passion for horticulture. If you have any questions relating to qualifications please get in touch with the RHS Qualifications team.

qualifications@rhs.org.uk

Master of Horticulture

The Master of Horticulture (MHort) Award is designed for those who wish to grow their career in a flexible way. If you have any queries regarding your eligibility for the programme, would like to be notified when applications are open, or if you'd like further information, please contact the MHort team.

mhort@rhs.org.uk

Work-Based Training

Spend your days working with, and learning from, horticultural experts. We have a variety of opportunities specially designed to grow your skills.

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Campaign for School Gardening

The RHS Campaign for School Gardening (CFSG) supports schools and groups – inspiring young people through the power of plants

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New Shoots

Raising awareness of horticulture as a career and supporting people into becoming professional horticulturists.

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School visits

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