



RHS Qualifications

Fees Notice

(Effective from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026)

Section One:

RHS Level 1 Intro/Award in Practical Horticulture

Section Two :

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development

RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Garden Planning and Applied Propagation.

RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation

Notice to Approved Examination Centres and Learners entering for RHS Qualifications

RHS Level 1 Intro/Award in Practical Horticulture

Unit		Fee
R1101	Identification of a range of common garden plants, weeds, pests and diseases	£21
R1102	Preparing soil for sowing and planting	£21
R1103	Assist with the propagation of plants for seed	£21
R1104	Assist with the vegetative propagation of plants	£21
R1105	Assist with planting and establishing plants	£21
R2100	Soil Testing (Level 2 – shared unit)	£21

Additional fees for Section One Qualifications:

Replacement Certificate (if lost, damaged or destroyed)

The fee for a replacement is £25, including postage and packing.

Independent Appeal

If a learner wishes to take his or her result to independent appeal after following all previous processes of the RHS Qualifications Appeals procedure, a fee of £200 is payable to start the independent appeals process. If the appeal is successful, the fee will be refunded.

Additional Centre Support Visits

Where a centre is required to undergo an additional visit by the RHS External Verifier in relation to action plans or performance issues, a fee of £200 plus expenses will be levied.

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

Any fees paid by learners from outside the UK should be paid in pounds sterling and any bank charges are for the account of the learner.

Section Two

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development	£
Learner registration (including registration, assessment and certification) (per learner)	200

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture	£
Learner registration (including registration, assessment and certification) (per learner)	230

RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Garden Planning and Applied Propagation	£
Learner registration (including registration, assessment and certification) (per learner)	230

RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture	£
Learner registration (including registration, assessment and certification) (per learner)	230

RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation	£
Learner registration (including registration, assessment and certification) (per learner)	190

Fees are per learner. Registration, assessment and certification fees are paid upfront when the learner starts their qualification; Centres are required to register **all** learners on the RHS portal at the start of their course.

Notes:

- The learner registration fee is a one-off fee covering RHS administration of the learner's details on each qualification.
- The learner assessment and certification fee include the 'standard' assessment of each learner and subsequent provision of certification. NB: additional fees will be incurred where a learner has to re-sit any element of the qualification assessment.
- 'Standard assessment' is an online exam for theory units and an online/in person assessment for the practical certificate.
- Additional fees will be charged for the Level 2 and Level 3 Theory where centres / learners seek paper-based examinations rather than online assessment.
- There are no minimum number of learner registrations on the qualifications. However, examiner visits for the Level 2/Level 3 Practical will require minimum numbers of learners to form a group to be assessed on each visit.
- Permission to Resit/Deferrals – please note that PTRs/Deferrals are valid for 1 free session only, and learners must utilise the PTR on the **next available** assessment session. Standard exam fees will apply if the learner sits on a later session instead.

Additional fees for Section Two Qualifications

This section is split separately into Practical Qualifications and Theory Qualifications, for ease of reference.

Additional Fees – Practical Qualifications

Late fee for registering learners at the start of their qualification [1]	£25
Late fee for registrations on the practical PCA cohort [2]	£25 per assessment
Resit fee for the practical PCA Plant Identification task [4]: Level 2 - Online at home (remote invigilated)/Online at centre (centre invigilated) Level 3 - Online at home (remote invigilated)/Online at centre (centre invigilated)	£30 per resit £60 per resit
Resit fee for the practical PCA Tasks: Level 2 Amber task resit, done at centre (PowerPoint submission) Level 2 PCA resit day (all 3 tasks) organised by RHS - via regional centre Level 2 PCA resit day (all 3 tasks) – at learner's centre [5] Level 3 PCA resit day - organised by RHS - via regional centre only	£35 per task £110 per resit £75 per resit £110 per resit
Resit fee for the Level 3 Professional Discussion: The discussion resit is online and organised by RHS	£75 per resit
Resit fee for OCA [6]: <u>Section A:</u> Online at home (remote invigilated) / Online at centre (centre invigilated) <u>Section B:</u> Online at home (remote invigilated) / Online at centre (centre invigilated) <u>Section A & B:</u> Online at home (remote invigilated) / Online at centre (centre invigilated)	£30 per resit £45 per resit £75 per resit
General fees applicable to Practical qualifications: Late OCA Access Arrangements [7] Late PCA Access Arrangements [7] Learners changing PCA date/group [8] Enquiry About Results for Practical assessments: PCA (Tasks) - feedback report only L3 Professional Discussion – feedback report only	£20 £20 £25 £45 £45

Replacement Certificate (if lost, damaged or destroyed) including postage and packing	£25
Independent Appeal - if a learner wishes to take their result to independent appeal after following all previous processes of the RHS Qualifications Appeals procedure, a fee is payable to start the independent appeals process. If the appeal is successful, the fee will be refunded.	£200

Additional Fees – **Theory** Qualifications

Late fee for registering learners at the start of their qualification [1]	£25
Fee to take the theory exam - Paper based	£20 per exam
Resit fee for theory Unit 1 or Unit 2 [3]: Resit on paper / Resit online at centre (centre invigilated) / Resit online at home (remote invigilated)	£85 per resit
General fees applicable to Theory qualifications: Late theory exam Access Arrangements [9] Enquiry About Results for Unit 1 and Unit 2 exams: Feedback report Feedback report AND re-mark, where eligible Replacement Certificate (if lost, damaged or destroyed) including postage and packing Independent Appeal - if a learner wishes to take their result to independent appeal after following all previous processes of the RHS Qualifications Appeals procedure, a fee is payable to start the independent appeals process. If the appeal is successful, the fee will be refunded.	£20 £55 £75 £25 £200

Notes:

[1] This fee applies to both theory and practical. Centres are required to register all learners on their registration cohorts on the portal within 30 days of the start of their course, as stated in your planned provision. Registrations made after this date will incur this late fee.

[2] This applies to PCAs. The closing date for registrations for PCAs is 6 weeks before the PCA date, after this time the late fee applies. After this date we cannot accept any registrations or changes to existing registrations.

[3] This is the fee for learners resitting a theory exam (Unit 1 and Unit 2); please register them on the exam cohort at the next exam session, please see the portal for examination dates.

[4] This is the fee for a learner resitting the Level 2 and Level 3 PCA Plant Identification task; this can be done online either at home with remote invigilation, or at the centre (if offered by the centre) which is invigilated by centre staff.

[5] This is the fee for a learner to resit all 3 PCA tasks (not including the plant identification) at their Centre, if they do not wish to attend the regional centre organised by the RHS.

[6] These are the fees to resit the Level 2 and Level 3 OCA online assessment; this can be done online either at home with remote invigilation or at the centre (if offered by the centre), which is invigilated by centre staff.

[7] The deadline for centres to submit OCA access arrangement applications is stated on the Centre Timetable; the deadline for PCA access arrangement applications is 6 weeks before the PCA date (this is the same as learner registrations and groupings for the PCA day). Access arrangement requests submitted after the closing date will be accepted in exceptional circumstances only and will be subject to a late fee per learner.

[8] This fee will be applied where a centre requests that a learner changes PCA date/group, after the 6-week registration and groupings deadline. Such changes will be considered a late registration.

[9] RHS Qualifications annually publishes the closing dates for access arrangements for each Theory examination. Access arrangement requests submitted after the published closing date will be accepted in exceptional circumstances only and will be subject to a late fee per learner.

For any enquiries regarding fees, please email:

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