

**Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture  
(QCF)  
(0065)**

**Information Sheet**

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## About the Qualification

The QCF work-based qualifications are based on the QCF units developed by Lantra SSC, and link directly to the National Occupational Standards. They are suitable for candidates who wish to obtain qualifications while in employment and develop their careers within the industry. They may also progress onto higher levels in education.

This qualification will form part of the Advanced Apprenticeship framework for Horticulture. The aim of this qualification is to provide a work-related, competence-based qualification. It reflects the skills and knowledge needed to do a job effectively and shows that a candidate is competent in the area of work the qualification represents.

There are several pathways within the qualification and these are outlined below.

## Do these qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

The qualifications are accredited by Ofqual onto the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) at a level 3.

The Qualification Accreditation Number is 500/6255/4.  
The qualification Guided Learning Hours (GLH) are 370.

## Qualification Structure

The following pathways are available for the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture:

- 0065-32 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (Production Horticulture)
- 0065-33 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (Landscaping)
- 0065-34 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (Sports Turf – Greenkeeper)
- 0065-35 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (Sports Turf – Groundsman)
- 0065-36 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (Parks, Gardens and Green Space)

Candidates must complete a minimum of 57 credits. For a description of the units required for each pathway please refer to the qualification handbook.

## Are there learning materials available?

Qualification handbook and assessor guidance	SP-03-0065 <a href="http://www.nptc.org.uk">www.nptc.org.uk</a>
Candidate guide and logbook	TS-03-0065 <a href="http://www.nptc.org.uk">www.nptc.org.uk</a>
Portfolio builder pack for candidates and assessors	PB-NPTC <a href="http://www.nptc.org.uk">www.nptc.org.uk</a>
Sample short answer question paper	<a href="mailto:exams@nptc.org.uk">exams@nptc.org.uk</a>
Assignment guide	<a href="mailto:exams@nptc.org.uk">exams@nptc.org.uk</a>

## Assessment

The units will be assessed by the gathering of work-based evidence into a portfolio. The authenticity, sufficiency and validity of the evidence will be judged by the assessor.

## Assessment for candidates completing the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture as part of the Advanced Apprenticeship framework.

Candidates are required to undertake an independent assessment in the form of a short answer written test and an assignment. This covers the underpinning knowledge elements of the units included within the test and assignment. The test is specific to the qualification route chosen and may be taken three times a year. Exam dates are available on the Walled Garden. These tests are dated entry exams. Test specifications for the different routes are available below.

Centres will be required to provide Lantra SSC with evidence that the short answer written test and assignment has been achieved before certification takes place.

## What's the next step?

### For learners

In the first instance you need to contact a registered Assessment Centre who offers this qualification. To find your nearest centre, go to the City & Guilds website ([www.cityandguilds.com](http://www.cityandguilds.com)). Click on the City & Guilds red car to stay on the City & Guilds site. Then select 'Learners' and then 'Adult learners'. Then select 'Land-based' from the drop down list on the right hand side. Follow the prompts through to the qualification that you are looking for. If you click on the qualification, you can then enter your postcode to find your nearest Assessment Centre. The Centre will be able to advise you on the training and assessment of the qualification.

### For centres

If you are an existing approved centre for other qualifications, you will need to complete a qualification approval form (City & Guilds NPTC's QAP). The cost of this is £200 and you should contact [verification@nptc.org.uk](mailto:verification@nptc.org.uk).

If you are not an approved centre and would like to become one, please contact City & Guilds NPTC who will guide you through the approval process. The cost for becoming an approved centre is £1500 and you should contact the City & Guilds NPTC Sales and Marketing Team.

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