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RHS Qualifications at Level 2



RHS Qualifications is a national awarding organisation offering qualifications for keen gardeners and professional horticulturists.

The RHS offers qualifications that enable you to develop their knowledge and skills and gain the Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture or the Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture, the Society's most professional qualification.

The Royal Horticultural Society has been awarding qualifications since 1893, and its qualifications are nationally recognised and respected within the horticultural industry.

This leaflet outlines the level 2 qualifications the RHS offers. For more information on the range of RHS qualifications, visit our website at [rhs.org.uk/courses/qualifications](https://www.rhs.org.uk/courses/qualifications).



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

This qualification consists of 4 units covering the following topic areas:

- Plant classification, structure and function
- Plant nutrition and the root environment
- Maintaining plant health
- Understanding plant propagation.

The qualification is assessed by written examinations offered in both February and June each year.

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance

This qualification consists of 4 units covering the following topic areas:

- Understanding garden features, plant selection and planning
- Understanding the choice, establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawns
- Understanding the production of outdoor vegetables and fruit
- Understanding protected environments and their use in plant cultivation.

The qualification is assessed by written examinations offered in both February and June each year.

RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

This qualification focuses on developing essential horticultural skills.

The qualification consists of 6 core units and 1 optional unit covering the following subject areas:

Core units:

- Soil testing
- Sowing seeds and vegetative propagation techniques
- Practical skills in ground preparation for seeding and planting
- Practical skills in establishing seeds and plants in soil
- Care and pruning of plants
- Identification of a range of common garden plants, weeds, pests, diseases and disorders and beneficial organisms.

Optional units (choose 1):

- Sustainable garden practice **or**
- Safe operation of powered garden machinery.

The qualification is assessed within the approved centre.

There are no pre-requisites for entry to the qualification, but it is recommended that learners possess the basic horticultural skills covered by the RHS Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture.



Flexible Approaches to Learning

There are no formal entry requirements for taking any of the RHS qualifications at level 2; all that is needed is an enthusiasm for plants and gardening and a desire to learn more.

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture

Learners who successfully complete all the necessary units for:

- RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development **and**
- RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance

will have gained all the required units for the RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture.

RHS Level 2 Diploma in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture

Learners who successfully complete all the necessary units for

- RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture **and**
- RHS level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

will have gained all the required units for the RHS level 2 Diploma in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture.