



# Level 2 | Horticulture/Landscape Construction Operative Apprenticeship



## Apprenticeship Description and Job Overview

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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 employment area will dictate the option pursued. 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 (environmental) 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

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<b>Qualification</b>	Level 2 Horticulture/Landscape Construction Operative (Standard ST0225)
<b>Training Delivery Campus</b>	Hadlow College, Tonbridge Road, Hadlow, Kent, TN11 0AL
<b>Duration of Apprenticeship</b>	24 Months Typical EPA period 3 months
<b>Apprenticeship Entry Requirements</b>	Maths GCSE Grade 3/D or equivalent Functional Skills English GCSE Grade 3/D or equivalent Functional Skills
<b>Mandatory Qualification details</b>	For both Landscape and Horticulture pathways Level 3 award in Emergency First Aid at Work  Horticulture Pathway Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticide Using Handheld Equipment  Level 2 Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides  Landscape Pathway Level 2 Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Abrasive Wheel Machines
<b>End Point Assessment Organisation and EPA components</b>	Lantra   The EPA consists of 3 x assessment methods:  1 - Multiple-choice test. 2 - Practical Assessment 3 - Professional discussion
<b>Progression Routes</b>	Upon completion candidates can move into roles such as Horticulturist, Landscaper, Garden centre operative, Organic grower, machinery operative, glasshouse technician, commercial Horticulturist.