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Safe Horticultural Practices

LEVEL 4



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QQI AWARD

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Programme Aim: The purpose of this award is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to carry out Horticultural duties and tasks safely. On completion of this programme learners should be able to understand the safety hazards associated with the use of a range of the horticultural equipment, demonstrating PPE requirements for a range of tasks. Learners will be capable of appropriate recording of hazards and risks while implementing appropriate procedure needed to prevent damage to the environment. Learners will operate a range of tools and equipment correctly including lawn mowers, strimmers, hedge trimmers, tractors and pruning equipment.

Participants of this programme will:

- Understand Hazards and risks associated with using Horticulture Tools
- Identify and Use PPE Correctly
- Demonstrate the correct techniques for manual lifting and carrying
- Interpret and comply with hazards and instructions for use on pesticide labels
- Use lawn mowers, strimmers, hedge trimmers, tractors and pruning equipment.
- Prevent damage to the environment while undertaking horticultural tasks including waste disposal
- Be capable of recording accidents in the workplace
- Understand the importance of Health and Safety within the Horticultural Industry

Programme Content

- Specific Safety Hazards
- Hazard Symbols and instruction
- Codes of practices for pesticide application
- Lifting techniques
- PPE use and requirements
- Dealing with Hazards
- Prevention procedure for the environment
- Use lawn mowers, strimmers, hedge trimmers, tractors and pruning equipment
- Health and Safety

Specific Support Available

A range of accommodations and supports are possible according to specific needs. This programme comes with a very comprehensive manual as an excellent source of reference after the programme

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| Programme level | This programme leads to a Level 4 on the National Framework of Qualifications |
| Progression and Credit Value | Horticulture 4M1994, this programme is worth 10 Credits towards the above major award |
| Duration | This programme will run for 4 contact days depending on the project and will require participants to complete some work in their own time |
| Who should attend this course | People seeking skills in or are looking to gain formal qualification in Maintenance of Sports Surfaces |
| Required fluency in generic skills | Learners entering programmes leading to awards at level 4 will usually be comfortable reading, drafting, preparing and understanding personally relevant information, including quantitative information. Learner will also be capable of solving familiar problems well, independently and as part of a group |
| QQI Assessment | Participants who wish to achieve a QQI Component Certificate must complete 80% Skills Demonstration and 20% Examination |
| Resources Required in Order to Successfully Complete the Module | Some personal learning / study time will be required from participants. Programme packs, Assessment Briefs and some equipment will be provided as a part of the programme |
| Specific Entry/Access & Exemptions required | A learner seeking entry to a programme leading to awards at level 4 does not need a previous formal qualification. Some learners may have achieved some certification at level 3 and we would recommend they have life or work experience within the chosen programme sector |

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