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Q. Do I need anything special on my computer to access the course?

Can I use a PC or a Mac?

The courses are delivered in a virtual learning environment called Moodle, which runs with Microsoft and Apple systems.

Most of the material is loaded as pdfs, with powerpoints and some Word documents, so if you can open these you should be able to view your course.

To see some of the interactions you may need to check that you have Java enabled, and allow the course to set cookies on your machine which are needed to operate pop-ups.

If you have problems you can email enquiries@bestinhorticulture.co.uk

If you use an iPad or tablet you may find it easier to download material to a computer first then view the files: the course material was not originally designed to be accessed in this way. As notes are revised for syllabus updates they are being combined into larger pdf files to make them easier to view on tablets.

Q. Do I need to be online all the time I'm studying the course?

My internet connection isn't very good.

No, most of the course materials can be downloaded and run offline whenever it suits you, or printed out at home if you want to get away from your screen. But the handouts contain many links to useful websites for further information and you may like to go online to follow these up.

Also, some quiz interactions and narrated presentations will only run when you are online - though there are downloadable powerpoint versions of the presentations as well for you to revise from.

Q. Do I need any qualifications to study for the RHS Certificates?

No, just an interest in gardening and an enthusiasm for knowledge.

Q. How long does it take to study for an RHS Certificate?

It is up to you to decide how fast you work through the units: it all depends on how much time you have free to study, and you may find you need to take break sometimes. Just tell your tutor.

As a guide, the units are rated with 'credits' which equal ten hours of study, so a Level 2 Certificate which is 14 credits will take you around 140 hours of work.

Q. When can I take the RHS exams?

The exams are offered twice a year on fixed dates in February and June. Each unit has its own exam now, so taking a Certificate will mean taking four exams on one day. However you don't have to take all the exams at once if you prefer to space them out.

Q. When can I start studying?

You can start the courses whenever you like. The only fixed points are the examination dates in February and June. You will be enrolled with us initially for two years' tutorial support for a certificate, but if you need to take a break or extend this to fit in with exam dates, this is flexible.

Q. Does the course include exam registration and fees?

No, exam fees are paid to the RHS through the centre where you sit the exams, and distance learners may be studying anywhere in the country, or abroad - so you will need to find your nearest exam venue from the RHS list. If there is nowhere convenient for you to travel to, the RHS Exams Office will explain their 'exceptional supervision' policy and help you sort out somewhere local to take your exam.

Exam fees are (at 2015-16) £14 per unit at level 2, £25 per unit at level 3.

Q. Do I have to take the exams to study the course?

No, we will issue a Certificate of Completion if you work through the course to your tutor's satisfaction but choose not to enter for exams.

Q. How do I begin?

Use the link 'enrol on this course' to pay for the course that you choose online. The details you fill in when you do this will give us all we need to set up your enrolment, so that we can get back to you with your user name and password to access your classroom, and some general instructions on how to use the Moodle and contact your tutor.

Q. I'm keen on gardening and have quite a lot of practical experience; should I start at level 3, rather than level 2?

There are two main ways to judge if this is a good idea:

- (1) At both level 2 and level 3 there is some plant biology and soil science to cover - if you did at least GCSE or A level biology at school, then you may be comfortable at level 3, if you have some horticultural experience too. If you didn't do science or don't remember much about it, then you may prefer to recap on all of this at level 2.
- (2) Go to the [RHS website](#) and look at the syllabus for both levels of qualification – all the topics and assessment criteria are listed in detail. Level 3 presumes that you have covered the level 2 syllabus, so if there are significant gaps, you may be happier starting at level 2.

If you have a question that this information sheet hasn't answered, please contact us using the link provided and we will be happy to help.

If you would like to see what an online classroom is like in Moodle, you can go to a sample course in our Virtual Learning Environment by following the instructions below:

Go to

<http://www.best.lunsvle.co.uk>

In the 'Course Categories' list on the front page you will see

'Example courses'

Click on this.

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- RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Construction and Planting

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This will take you to the sample classroom where you can open some course materials, look at presentations, etc.

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Welcome to the sample classroom for our RHS online learning:
this classroom shows you some of the types of study material included in the courses.

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