

RHS Level 2 and 3 Qualifications Details and prices

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development: 4 units

- Plant Classification, Structure and Function
- Plant Nutrition and the Root Environment
- Maintaining Plant Health
- Understanding Plant Propagation

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance: 4 units

- Garden Features, Plant Selection and Planning
- The Choice, Establishment and Maintenance of Garden Plants and Lawns
- The Production of Outdoor Vegetables and Fruit
- Protected Environments in Plant Cultivation

RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Health and Applied Propagation: 4 units

- Plant Taxonomy, Structure and Function
- The Root Environment, Plant Nutrition and Growing Systems
- Managing Plant Health
- Understanding applied plant propagation

RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Construction and Planting: 4 units

- Garden Survey Techniques and Design Principles
- Selection and Use of Landscaping Elements in the Garden
- Setting Out and Construction of Landscaping Elements in the Garden
- A range of Specialist Elements in the Establishing of Garden and Urban Plantings

Online distance learning:

Each full Level 2 certificate £264 (£220 + VAT); individual units £72 each (£60 + VAT).
Each full level 3 Certificate £372 (£310 + VAT); individual units £99 each (£82.50 + VAT).

Correspondence course:

Each full Level 2 certificate £444 (£370 + VAT); individual units £126 each (£105 + VAT).
Each full level 3 Certificate £576 (£480 + VAT); individual units £150 each (£125 + VAT).



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Distance Learning Options

- Distance learning on - line
- Distance learning correspondence courses

You can use our online learning system to study the RHS Practical qualifications, and get tutor and peer support to help you prepare for your examinations.

RHS courses are ideal for anyone

- interested in plants and gardening,
- looking for a change of career
- wanting a recognised qualification to improve career prospects



Only B.E.S.T. offers a full range of theory and practical qualifications to study from home, how and when you choose ... flexible options. You will be assigned a Personal Tutor who will support you in your studies, answering queries by email and post, giving you guidance if required by telephone.



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Royal Horticultural Society Theory Qualifications

There are two theory certificates at level 2 and two more at level 3. Each one is a qualification in its own right, but if you do combine the two theory Certificates with the Practical Certificate at either level, you can achieve an RHS Diploma in Horticulture.

Each RHS Certificate is made up of four individual units: you can work through them in turn, or you can just study single units that interest you.

The theory Certificates are assessed by national exams set by the RHS each year in February and June.

Online study through a “virtual classroom”

There is a dedicated online space for each unit, which you share with other students on your course.

You can download all your notes and presentations to read on or offline, view interactive materials and ‘self-test’ quizzes, contact your course tutor by internal messaging for feedback and support, upload practice exam papers and questions, and get in touch with other students.

Correspondence course

If you prefer to work from printed course material, we will send you full-colour printed course materials for each unit. Your tutor can be contacted via email to support you in your studies, marking your revision workbook and mock examination papers to give you feedback and help you to prepare for examinations.

Tutorial support

No-one is going to nag you about your work; your tutor will be there for you, but will be responsive not pushing. If you don't choose to make contact, and prefer to work on your own, that's entirely your choice. If you would like tutorials, you can agree a timeslot with your tutor, to fit in with your work and lifestyle, for a one-to-one discussion on your progress with the course, exam questions, etc. Otherwise just send a message when you have a question, or upload some work and it will be marked.

Our course tutors are all part-time, so they don't promise always to be available instantly - like our students they have to juggle work/life/families. But you will get feedback on your work within two weeks and answers to your questions generally within one week – usually much sooner.

How long will a course take?

You can start the courses whenever you like.

As a guide, the RHS suggests that the level 2 Certificates are each about 160 hours of work, level 3 Plant Growth about 180 hours, and level 3 Garden Planning around 200 hours. Not all of the units within a certificate are the same size - so the individual exams for a Certificate have different numbers of questions and are different lengths.

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 that ‘life’ gets in the way for a while and you need to take a break. Just tell us. In any case you have access to your online classroom for two years.

Materials written specially for these RHS courses

Course materials have been prepared by tutors experienced in teaching and examining all the RHS courses; they break down the syllabus into outcome -by-outcome sections, so that you can feel confident about each one before moving to the next.

Each unit has a ‘Revision Workbook’ to complete which allows you to consolidate your knowledge and help to prepare you for the RHS exams. These also highlight changes to the syllabus which may have taken place during the course of your studies.

As the RHS makes revisions to the syllabus for each Certificate, we update our materials. The Level 2 and 3 Plant Growth Certificates were revised completely in 2013 when the syllabus was updated; for Garden Planning, Level 3 notes have been rewritten following the September 2015 update, and for Level 2 the new ‘indicative content’ has been mapped and covered in the notes and Revision Workbooks.

Examinations

We don't automatically enter you for examinations; you have to arrange this with the RHS when you feel you are ready. Your tutor will keep you informed about entry dates and give you advice on this. If you choose not to undertake the RHS examinations but complete units to the satisfaction of your tutor, a Completion Certificate can be issued by B.E.S.T. in Horticulture Ltd. instead.

We will give you the opportunity to practise your exam techniques, to build your knowledge and get experience of how to approach an RHS examination. When you agree with your tutor that you are ready to take the RHS examinations you can register with the RHS through your nearest exam centre; fees for each exam will be payable direct to that centre, and will be according to the RHS website at that time (from September 2018 these will be £16 per unit at level 2, £26 at level 3).