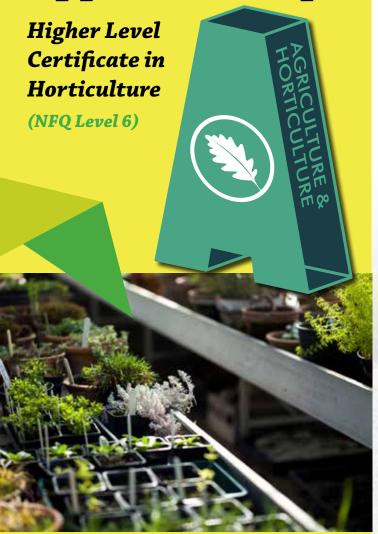
Horticulturist Apprenticeship



Earn while you learn working in the **Horticulture Industry**





Why you should consider doing this Apprenticeship?

Earn while you learn
Recognised Qualification
Diversity/Range of Work on commercial units
Work as part of a team
Advanced Entry into SETU Bachelor of Horticulture
Career in Horticulture

About this programme

This is a two-year programme with 6 streams, developed in consultation with industry.

The apprenticeship is streamed into:

- Nurseries
- Garden Centres
- Garden And Parks
- Fruit Production
- Vegetable Production
- Hard Landscaping

The apprentice *must stay* in their chosen stream for the duration of the programme.

As part of this programme, apprentices will engage in onthe-job training with a SOLAS approved employer. Off-thejob training will take place in a Teagasc College supported by online learning. Off-the-job training will also include some visits to industry / horticultural research locations. Off-thejob training will be a total of 10 weeks per year.

On completion of the programme, the Apprentice will hold a nationally-recognised QQI Higher Certificate as a Horticulturist (NFQ Level 6).

Delivery of the programme

The apprenticeship programme is designed to be delivered in a flexible way, which includes blended learning, skills training, face to face classwork, online delivery and off the job training.

Programme Content

12 Industry-focused Modules over 2 years

Year 1 / Stage 1

- ▶ Growing media and plant nutrition
- Plant science
- ▶ Plant propagation
- ▶ Sustainable plant protection
- ▶ Plant ID
- ▶ Sustainable IT skills
- ▶ Horticultural machinery and health and safety

Note – All streams complete year 1 modules, content and assessment tailored to the relevant stream.

Year 2 / Stage 2

Mandatory for all streams:

- ▶ Financial management for horticulture
- Sustainable horticultural practice

Note - All streams complete year 2 mandatory modules, content and assessment tailored to the relevant stream

The following are the specific stream modules:

Fruit Stream:

Fruit production

Garden and Parks Stream:

- Advanced plant identification and cultivation techniques
- Garden and parks management

Garden Centre Stream:

- Customer service for horticulture
- Garden centre management

Landscaping Stream:

- Advanced plant identification and cultivation techniques
- Hard landscaping

Nursery Stream:

- Customer service for horticulture
- Nursery stock production

Vegetable Stream:

Vegetable production

Additional Information



Apprentices will be employed on commercial horticulture units in Ireland in such enterprises as:

- Plant nurseries
- Garden centres
- Fruit growers
- Vegetable Growers
- ▶ Landscapers
- Garden and parks



The Employer pays the Apprentice for the duration of the Apprenticeship. The rate of pay is agreed between the Employer and the Apprentice.

Note - Basic pay will be minimum wage.

Off-the-job co-ordination location:

Teagasc, Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin Dublin D09VY63



Cost

Programme cost per annum are to be confirmed.

Employers are required to:

- ▶ Be a SOLAS approved employer
- Nominate a workplace mentor
- Release the apprentice for the 'off-the-job' block release days
- Pay the apprentice for the duration of the apprenticeship

Entry Requirements

To be eligible for this apprenticeship, an applicant must:

- ▶ Be directly employed by a SOLAS approved Employer
- Successfully completed the Leaving Certificate (NFQ Level 5*) with 5 subjects with a minimum of O6 / H7 to include English or higher and a minimum of foundation mathematics F6.

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▶ A Major QQI level 5 (or higher) Award In Horticulture*

Or

- A candidate 17 years or older who does not hold the above Level 5 qualifications as set out in categories 1 or 2 above, but who has a minimum of 48 weeks cumulative experience working in horticulture, is recommended by their employer and demonstrates the stated literacy and numeracy skills, will also be eligible to apply.
- * A qualification deemed equivalent on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications to any of the qualifications listed above.

NOTE - The English language entry requirements for the programme are CEF B2+ or equivalent. Candidates with English language levels below CEF B2+ must first reach this minimum standard before enrolling on the academic programme

Where there is a mathematics requirement at Leaving Certificate Established or Vocational Programme, obtaining a minimum grade O6/H7 in Maths or a F2 in Foundation Maths, mature and international applicants may be required to demonstrate that they possess the required competency through the completion of a maths assessment.

Further Information

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