

Applying for this Course:

To apply for this course you should be 16 years of age or older and ideally have a MQF Level 1 qualification in Numeracy, English and Maltese languages. If you do not have these qualifications but possess other qualifications or relevant experience, kindly contact us on qa.jobsplus@gov.mt. stating your ID card number, attaching copies of your qualifications and a copy of your CV highlighting your work experience. Alternatively, you can send the requested information by post addressed to: Quality Assurance Unit, Jobsplus Training Complex, Triq Birżebbuġa, Ħal Far BBG3000.

On successful completion of the Vocational Education and Training Award in Principles of Gardening and Landscaping, the learner will be able to:

- ✓ Know how soil and land degrades and deal with soil structural problems in an effective manner
- ✓ Ensure the best way to build compost heaps is applied at the place of work
- ✓ Evaluate fertilisation rates and methods
- ✓ Advise how soil properties and processes work and carry out simple tests on soil, so as to determine its quality
- ✓ Overcome nutrient deficiencies
- ✓ Use mulches, if and when applicable
- ✓ Understand the impact of machinery on landscapes and soil
- ✓ Utilize different soil management methods
- ✓ Produce compost containers, for effective plant growth and nutrition
- ✓ Ensure correct application and selection of plants
- ✓ Establish and maintain a range of plants, by taking into account their individual growth spurt
- ✓ Handle the selection, establishment, and maintenance of plants/vegetation suitable for hedges, windbreaks, screens, turf and lawns
- ✓ Ensure proper cultivation of water plants, if and where applicable
- ✓ Perform tasks using different pest and disease control measures made available on the market
- ✓ Effectively deal with weed controlling measures
- ✓ Implement safety measures when planting vegetation
- ✓ Manage an irrigation system with ease and confidence and apply different methods of moving water when using pumps and filters
- ✓ Design a simple irrigation system and advise on simple water conservation techniques
- ✓ Identify different tree and shrub forms and advise on tree biology
- ✓ Advise on pruning objectives for different trees and shrubs and carry out pruning on various trees and shrubs at the correct time
- ✓ Select the correct cut from the different cuts used when pruning different tree and shrub forms
- ✓ Operate the different tools utilised in pruning tree and shrub forms safely
- ✓ Look after the different tools utilised in pruning tree and shrub forms
- ✓ Ensure accurate pre-planning information in order to assist in the design of landscapes
- ✓ Understand different garden styles, in order to satisfy design project specifications
- ✓ Perform tasks using different hard landscape features, earthworks, surface treatments and furniture
- ✓ Deal with customer's needs in a satisfactory manner
- ✓ Assist in the planting design stage, at the place of work
- ✓ Comply with local environmental regulations concerning waste reduction, re-use and recycling
- ✓ Understand the significance of soil in irrigation and irrigate small surface areas effectively

The National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE) deems this certificate to be at Level 2 of the Malta Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning. This course comprises study modules to which a total of 7 ECVET points are assigned.