



Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping

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1 Why has this qualification been developed?

The Lantra Awards Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping has been developed to support the Golf Greenkeeping Apprenticeship Standard. The qualification aims to recognise industry standards with the award of an accredited qualification which assesses the skills, knowledge and behaviours demonstrated by learners.

The Lantra Awards Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping is nationally recognised and based on National Occupational Standards (NOS) and is made up of eight mandatory units. The qualification will provide the core practical skills and knowledge which will equip learners to progress into employment and/or further training within the Golf Greenkeeping industry.

Learners may undertake training from a variety of sources; however, to achieve the qualification they must be assessed against all the learning outcomes and assessment criteria set out in the qualification.

This Qualification Specification provides information for assessors and approved Lantra provider employees involved in the planning, delivery and assessment of the Lantra Awards Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping.

About this Apprenticeship Occupation

A Golf Greenkeeper is responsible for the maintenance, care and overall appearance of a golf course in line with employer's requirements. It is their job to maintain a good quality playing surface and ensure that the course offers a consistent challenge and an enjoyable experience for golfers.

There are four key turfgrass areas on a golf course – greens, tees, fairways and areas of rough, each of which requires a different type of maintenance. Using a range of equipment and machinery safely and competently will play a major part within an learners training programme. Golf Greenkeepers will also be involved in hazard, environmental and ecological operations which may include bunker maintenance, planting turf, trees, shrubs and developing wildlife habitats. The skills required to become a competent greenkeeper will be acquired whilst working on the golf course.

By the end of the programme, the learner will know when, how and why the range of maintenance operations are carried out.

The career as a Golf Greenkeeper can take learners wherever the game of golf is played. The profession involves working outdoors in a healthy environment, new countries are embracing the sport and more golf courses are being built.

2 Who is the qualification for?

This qualification has been developed for individuals wanting to work in the Golf Greenkeeping industry. It provides individuals with an opportunity to achieve the practical skills, knowledge and behaviours required to become a competent Golf Greenkeeper. This qualification is suitable for those wishing to pursue a career within the Greenkeeping industry. It provides an opportunity to progress onto senior positions within a golf club facility or the option to progress by working in other sports facilities such as a Grounds Maintenance Operator/ Technician.

This qualification is available for learners aged 16-19 and 19+ and will typically take 18 months to complete.

This qualification is assessed via End Point Assessment (EPA) in conjunction with the Golf Greenkeeper Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard.

Further guidance can be found in the **End Point Assessment Handbook – Golf Greenkeeper Level 2 (ST0209)**.

2.1 Prerequisites

Entry for this qualification is available to any individual who can achieve the required standard. Provider staff should understand the demands of this qualification and match learners based on their individual capabilities and future progression requirements.

This qualification has been developed to support the standard of the industry and promote equal opportunities by eliminating any avoidable barriers which have the potential to restrict access or progression.

Learners must be able to read and interpret information which is provided in English.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification. Typically, learners will have a minimum of 5 GCSE's at Grades A-D (including Maths, English and Science) or other vocational qualifications. Entry requirements will be determined by individual employers. However, learners without Level 1 English and Maths will need to achieve this level and take the test for the Level 2 English and Maths prior to taking the EPA.

3 What does this qualification cover?

Learners undertaking this qualification will be able to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and behaviours in Golf Greenkeeping.

The qualification aims to assess the learner's knowledge and understanding of Golf Greenkeeping.

The units of this qualification are designed to cover the necessary maintenance skills, knowledge, understanding and behaviours of a Golf Greenkeeper.

On successful completion of the programme, the learner will be able to:

- develop personal performance and maintain working relationships
- monitor and maintain health and safety
- use and maintain equipment and machines
- prepare and operate a tractor with attachments
- present and maintain turf playing surfaces for golf
- renovate and repair sports turf surfaces
- establish plants outdoors
- prepare golf course for play.

The Golf Greenkeeper Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard can be found in Appendix 2.

Following regulatory requirements for qualifications to have a distinct purpose, this qualification is recognised and approved by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) for:

- C. Preparing for employment
- D. Confirming occupational competence and/or licence to practice

How is the qualification assessed?

To achieve the Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping learners must successfully complete all the mandatory assessment components:

- End Point Assessment – Online Knowledge Test
- End Point Assessment – Personal Statement
- End Point Assessment – Practical Assessments

The **Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping** qualification units relate to the GTC (Greenkeepers Training Committee) Training Manual. It is suggested that learners complete the tasks in the GTC Training Manual before being entered for the EPA. Should they be using this manual, for the provider's convenience the table below includes the relevant section of each qualification unit mapped to the tasks in the GTC Training Manual.

Mandatory Units	End Point Assessment (EPA)	GTC Training Manual Task
Develop personal performance and maintain working relationships	Personal Statement	001.1 – 001.5
Monitor and maintain health and safety	Practical Assessments and Online Knowledge Test	002.1 – 002.2
Use and maintain equipment and machines	Practical Assessments and Online Knowledge Test	003.1 – 003.4
Prepare and operate a tractor with attachments	Practical Assessments and Online Knowledge Test	004.1 – 004.2
Present and maintain turf playing surfaces for golf	Practical Assessments and Online Knowledge Test	005.1- 005.14
Renovate and repair sports turf surfaces	Practical Assessments and Online Knowledge Test	006.1 – 006.5
Establish plants outdoors	Practical Assessments and Online Knowledge Test	007.1 – 007.4
Prepare golf course for play	Practical Assessments and Online Knowledge Test	008.1 – 008.4

This qualification is made up of eight mandatory (M) units and no optional (O) units. To achieve the Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping, learners must complete all eight mandatory units (795 Guided Learning Hours, GLH and 2445 Total Qualification Hours, TQT).

Unit reference number	Unit title	M/O	GLH
R/617/7410	Develop personal performance and maintain working relationships	M	60
D/617/7412	Monitor and maintain health and safety	M	45
K/617/7414	Use and maintain equipment and machines	M	135
M/617/7415	Prepare and operate a tractor with attachments	M	75
A/617/7417	Present and maintain turf playing surfaces for golf	M	195
F/617/7418	Renovate and repair sports turf surfaces	M	120
A/617/7420	Establish plants outdoors	M	120
F/617/7421	Prepare golf course for play	M	45
	Total		795

3.1 Progression Routes

This qualification forms part of a wider Lantra Awards' offer. The table below indicates where there are opportunities for learners to progress via accredited training and, where applicable, regulated qualifications.

The qualification will enable the learner to progress onto further learning and training, such as Level 3 Advanced Golf Greenkeeper (in development) or other Level 3 qualifications, and further, Level 5 Golf Course Manager (in development).

Job opportunities may also be enhanced for those learners who have completed the programme with promotion to more senior positions within a golf club facility or the option to progress by working in other sports facilities such as a Grounds Maintenance Operator/ Technician.

4 Qualification overview

Where to look for further details

<p>Qualification title</p>	<p>Lantra Awards Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping</p> <p>This qualification is assessed via End Point Assessment (EPA) in conjunction with the Golf Greenkeeper Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard. Learners will be employed at a Golf Club for the period of their apprenticeship and will learn through practical training on the job. The apprenticeship will typically take 18 months to complete.</p> <p>For the qualification, providers will need to register learners on Quartzweb at the start of their apprenticeship programme.</p>	<p>Ofqual's Register of Regulatory Qualifications</p> <p>register.ofqual.gov.uk</p>
<p>Qualification number</p>	<p>603/4981/5</p>	
<p>Qualification aim</p>	<p>The qualification aims to provide the core practical skills and knowledge which will equip learners to progress into employment and/or further training within the Golf Greenkeeping industry.</p> <p>It provides an opportunity to achieve a recognised national qualification which reflects the national standards required for such roles. This qualification is suitable for those wishing to pursue a career in Golf Greenkeeping</p>	
<p>Qualification purpose</p>	<p>The qualification is designed to enable learners to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to support their role, develop their career in the Golf Greenkeeping industry.</p> <p>It also provides an opportunity for learners to obtain a recognised specified certificate, to support their work in Golf Greenkeeping and to progress to employment and further training.</p>	
<p>Qualification start date</p>	<p>08 August 2019</p>	
<p>Level</p>	<p>2</p>	

GLH	795				
TQT	2445				
Quartz ID numbers	Qualification 6229 Unit 11921– Develop personal performance and maintain working relationships Unit 11922 – Monitor and maintain health and safety Unit 11923 – Use and maintain equipment and machines Unit 11924 – Prepare and operate a tractor with attachments Unit 11925 – Present and maintain turf playing surfaces for golf Unit 11926 – Renovate and repair sports turf surfaces Unit 11927 – Establish plants outdoors Unit 11928 – Prepare golf course for play				
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Qualification structure	This qualification comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 mandatory units Learners must complete all eight mandatory units.				
Age group	Pre-16	16–18	18+	19+	
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Entry requirements	<p>Learners must be able to read and interpret information which is provided in English.</p> <p>There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification, as entry requirements will be determined by individual employers.</p> <p>However, learners without Level 1 English and Maths will need to achieve this level and take the test for the Level 2 English and Maths prior to taking the EPA.</p>	
Prerequisites	<p>There are no prerequisites.</p> <p>However, there will be Gateway requirements for the EPA.</p>	
Recognition of prior learning	Not applicable	
Assessment methods	<p>There are 3 types of assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Point Assessment – Online Knowledge Test • End Point Assessment – Personal Statement • End Point Assessment – Practical Assessments <p>To achieve the Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping learners must successfully complete all the mandatory assessment components.</p>	
Assessment model	This qualification is externally assessed with external quality assurance. Assessment papers will be marked by Lantra and quality assurance processes will validate the outcome.	
Grading	Fail/ Pass/ Merit/ Distinction	
Is there a skills card available?	No	
Fees	<p>Registration and certification fees can be found on Quartzweb. Prices are subject to review on an annual basis so please contact the sales team if you do not have an up-to-date copy. (sales@lantra.co.uk).</p>	On Quartzweb; sales team
Related documents	This qualification is assessed via EPA in conjunction with the Golf Greenkeeper Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard.	www.lantra.co.uk

	Further guidance can be found in the 'End Point Assessment Handbook – Golf Greenkeeper Level 2 (ST0209)', which is available for providers, assessors and learners on request.	
How do I register learners?	Via Quartzweb ordering.lantra.co.uk/Login.aspx Note: in addition training providers will need to register learners onto ACE360	Quartzweb User Guide