

MAKING CAREER CHOICES

FACT SHEETS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE
THE RIGHT CAREER AND STUDY PATH



Horticulture – Landscape

Horticultural Tradesperson, Landscape Gardener, Groundsperson, Arborist

Industry Description

Practitioners in this industry will be required to work mainly outdoors to maintain planted areas, construct horticultural features such as irrigation, and apply treatments to improve plant growth and control pests. Specialisations include Arboriculture, Floriculture, Greenkeeping and Landscape Gardening.

Below are some of the particularly demanding requirements. Reasonable Adjustment may apply for individuals with specific support needs in industry training. The learner should have:

- tolerance for bending, lifting, carrying and reaching
- the ability to handle and control objects, tools and machinery (manual dexterity)
- the ability to perform mathematical functions such as calculating quantities, measuring and totalling figures
- the ability to stand and kneel for long periods of time
- the ability to gain access to and from a variety of outdoor work sites
- the ability to ask questions and seek clarification from clients and colleagues
- the ability to maintain balance when climbing ladders or on scaffolds (Arboriculture)
- the ability to come up with ideas and solutions to problems
- the ability to read and interpret written materials such as instructions and plans
- tolerance for chemicals, odours, plant materials and other contaminants.

Below are some of the important personal abilities that are required. The learner should:

- enjoy practical and mechanical activities
- be able to undertake manual and heavy work
- be able to work safely with chemicals and machinery
- be able to work outdoors in all sorts of weather conditions.



Workplace Health and Safety

All practitioners must understand their workplace health and safety obligations and safety requirements under the:

- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* which imposes obligations on people at workplaces to ensure workplace health and safety.
- *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011* that describes what must be done to prevent or control certain hazards which cause injury, illness or death.
- *Codes of Practice*, which are designed to give practical advice about ways to manage exposure to risks common to industry.

All practitioners must be able to participate in Risk Assessments, Incident Reports and Hazard Identification.

Legislative or licensing issues

All practitioners must meet the qualification requirements set by industry standards.

Resources and further information

For more information on duties, tasks and career and labour market information relating to Horticulture - Landscape, please refer to <http://joboutlook.gov.au>.

Industry information/professional associations

Food and Agribusiness Solutions: www.fas.org.au

Australian Institute of Horticulture Inc: www.aih.org.au

Nursery and Garden Industry Australia: www.greenlifecareers.com.au

Rural Skills Australia: www.ruralskills.com.au

For career resources to help explore and plan careers, visit www.myfuture.edu.au.

This is intended to be used as a tool for career research, in conjunction with other resources. For specific course information, please refer to the TAFE Queensland website www.tafeqld.edu.au or ring 1300 308 233.