



<b>Course Title: Operation and Maintenance of Horticultural Equipment (7245)</b>	
<b>Duration: 2 Days</b>	<b>Certification: LASNTG Certification</b>
<b>Expiry Period: 5 Years</b>	<b>Award: Attendance Certificate</b>

**Introduction:**

LASNTG has developed this two-day course for those who work in operation and maintenance of Horticultural Equipment.

**Aim of Programme:**

The aim of this programme is to provide learners with the necessary knowledge and skills to allow them to operate and maintain a Lawn Mower, Strimmer, Hedge Trimmer and Leaf Blower safely and efficiently.

**Target Learner:**

This training programme is for learners who will have worked with or have experience in the operation and maintenance of Horticultural Equipment. Learners can be General Operative, All Outdoor and Supervisor.

**Learning Outcomes:**

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

- Describe the regulations and safety requirements relevant to the operation of Lawn Mowers, Strimmers, Hedge Trimmers and Leaf Blowers
- Describe the characteristics and operations of the common types of cutting, discharge and collection mechanisms, safely and efficiently carry out pre-start, daily, weekly and periodic checks and maintenance of the Lawn Mower, safely and efficiently set up, adjust and operate the Lawn Mower.
- Describe the characteristics and operations of the common types of cutting, discharge and collection mechanisms, safely and efficiently carry out pre-start, daily, weekly and periodic checks and maintenance of the Strimmers, safely and efficiently set up, adjust and operate the Strimmers.
- Describe the characteristics and operations of the common types of cutting, discharge and collection mechanisms, safely and efficiently carry out pre-start, daily, weekly and periodic checks and maintenance of the Hedge Trimmers, safely and efficiently set up, adjust and operate the Hedge Trimmers.
- Describe the characteristics and operation of the Leaf Blower, safely and efficiently carry out pre-start, daily, weekly and periodic checks and maintenance of the Leaf Blower, safely and efficiently set up, adjust and operate the Leaf Blower.

**Assessment:**

There is a **Theory** based examination which is a Classroom Exam and Standard Pass is 70% and the duration is 20 minutes.

Also, a **Skills** demonstration with is a Site Practical Exam and has Standard Pass of 100% and this duration is 30 minutes.

**Entry requirements:**

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a level of knowledge, skill and competence associated with Level 4 of the NFQ.
- Good colour vision and hearing
- Previous experience in working with plant and machinery is desirable

For more information please contact the Local Authority Services National Training Group.

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**Equipment the learner must bring to course:**

- PPE – eye protection, overalls, ear defenders, hi-vis jacket/vest, safety boots, gloves

**Enquiries and Booking:**

Please contact your local Regional Training Centre:

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