

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

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, Supervisor or a member of outdoor staff.

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

Equipment the learner must bring to course:

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

Enquiries and Booking:

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