The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) is continually striving to raise the standards of Golf Course Maintenance and Management and they are totally committed to ensuring that the range of qualifications are relevant to the Sportsturf sector and used by Employers for recruitment and by trainees for their own personal development.

The Government endorsed awards range from National/Scottish Vocational Qualifications (N/SVQ’s) to the more academic Higher National Certificate (HNC)/National Diploma (ND)/Higher National Diploma (HND) in Golf Course Management and the Degree in Sportsturf Science.

The qualifications are continually under review by the Lantra Sector Skills Council (SSC) in association with the GTC. The quality of the delivery of these awards by the network of GTC Approved Training Providers is also constantly monitored by the GTC.

For up to date independent advice on qualifications, education and training courses contact the GTC on: Tel: 01347 838640
Email: golf@the-gtc.co.uk
Website: www.the-gtc.co.uk
GREENKEEPER TRAINING

ABINGDON AND WHITNEY COLLEGE. Warren Farm Campus, Horton-cum-Studley, Oxford OX8 4RH. Contact: Alan Brown or John Revis Tel: 01865 351794 Fax: 01865 359391 Email: john.rev@abingdon-whitney.ac.uk Web: www.abingdon-whitney.ac.uk Information: Warren Farm Campus is the base for Abingdon and Whitney College's education and training in Greenkeeping. Sportsturf, Amenity Horticulture and allied land based courses for the whole of Oxfordshire. Courses include: NQV Levels 2 & 3 in Sportsturf, Landscape and Nursery. We also offer a range of short courses for the Industry including Health & Safety, pesticide training and chainsaw operation. For more information contact either Alan Brown or John Revis on Tel: 01865 351794 or Fax: 01865 359391.

ASHHAM BRYAN ACADEMY Ashham Bryan, North Yorkshire, Y013 3PR. Contact: Central Admissions Tel: 01904 772213 Fax: 01904 772288 Email: info@ashham-bryan.ac.uk Web: www.ashham-bryan.ac.uk Information: National Certificate in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Turf Option), Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management part-time study. Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Management Option) all available full or part time. Block release courses: NQV Level 2 Greenkeeping, NQV Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance, NQV Level 4 Amenity Horticulture. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

Berkshire College of Agriculture Hall Place, Burchett Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 6JR. Contact: Andy Williams Tel: 01628 824644 Fax: 01628 824685 Email: enquiries@bca.ac.uk Web: www.bca.ac.uk Information: Located in The Thames Valley BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training including a six-hole golf training facility opened by HRH The Duke of York. Programmes include the First Diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, with Landscape Design and Greenkeeping options plus Higher National Diploma/Certificate programmes. Part-time programmes include NQV Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sportsturf, Residential accommodation is available.

BRINBURY CAMPUS, CHESTERCHESTER COLLEGE North Heath, Pulbrough, West Sussex, RH13 8DL. Contact: Jan Newman Tel: 01243 786321 Fax: 01798 785222 Email: info@chhtc.ac.uk Web: www.chestercherry.ac.uk Information: FULL-TIME: National Diploma Horticulture (Sports Turf), National Certificate Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sport Turf options), BTEC First Diploma New Entrant Horticulture. PART-TIME: NVQ Sports Turf Maintenance (Work based), NVQ Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sports Turf options), plus varied Short Courses including Chainsaw, Brushcutter/Strimmer, Spray Courses PAS/P2/P6/P94 etc.

BROOKSY MILTON COLLEGE Brooksy, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2JJ. Contact: Inca Laws Tel: 01664 850560 Fax: 01664 850555 Email: course.enquiries@brooksmilton.ac.uk Web: www.brooksmilton.ac.uk Information: NVQ Levels 2, 3 & 4 in Greenkeeping, Work based emphasis for all of these programmes. Short courses available in Arboriculture/Chainsaw work, TRT and pesticide application training. Amenity Horticulture NVQ levels 2, 3 & 4.

CANNINGHAM COLLEGE Canningham, Bridgewater, Somerset, TA5 2LS. Contact: Philip Sharples Tel: 01729 655094 Fax: 01729 655055 Email: sharples@cannningham.ac.uk Web: www.cannningham.ac.uk Information: Edexcel National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf), Certificate of Higher Education in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Turfgrass Science and Technology. NQD Level II Golf Greenkeeping, NQD Level III Greenkeeping and Supervisory Management, NQD Level IV Horticulture (Sportsturf), NVQ Chairst, Chainsaw Certification, Off-road Vehicle Certification, Greenkeeper Mechanics, Certificate in Irrigation (BTFL) 1 week course. National Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping (Tyr FT). Note: Certificate of Higher Education and Foundation Degrees both available as part time option.


HADDOW COLLEGE Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL. Contact: Norman Crossdale Tel: 01732 852152 Fax: 01732 853267 Email: rhm@hadlow.ac.uk Web: www.hadlow.ac.uk Information: First Diploma Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Horticulture (Sports Turf Option) National Award, Amenity Horticulture.

HARTPURY COLLEGE Hartpury House, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL19 3BE. Contact: Rowland Campbell Tel: 01452 702133 Fax: 01452 706429 Email: enquiry@hartpury.ac.uk Web: www.hartpury.ac.uk Information: Courses available: College Certificate Greenkeeping, First Diploma Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Award Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Award General Horticulture, National Certificate Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Certificate Greenkeeping & Groundsmanship, National Diploma Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Diploma Sport Performance and Excellence (Golf Studies). Basic Training Award NVQ’s, RHS examinations City & Guilds, TDBA Assessor Awards as well as a full range of amatter, leisure and day release courses.

HERRIST WOOD COLLEGE Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 4PE. Contact: Joe Poulis Tel: 01483 400480 Fax: 01483 400401 Email: j.poulis@herristwood.ac.uk Web: www.herristwood.ac.uk Information: Part-time courses: NQV Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace assessments at Merrist Wood and at Crawley. Level 2 Edexcel First Diploma college day release, also full-time for those without qualified workplace accessories, NQV Level 3 Sportsturf college day release and workplace assessments. Level 3 Edexcel National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessments, Edexcel NVQ Turfsciences and Science Management college day release over 2 years plus various short courses throughout the year. Edexcel HND Turfgrass Science and Management college day release. Please contact us for up to date listings, qualifications and advice. Course evenings held monthly at the college.

MYERSCROUGHT COLLEGE Risborough, Presten, Lancashire, PR2 3BY. Contact: Carl Starfield Tel: 01995 644222 Fax: 01995 642313 Email: mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk Web: www.myerscough.ac.uk Information: Full time courses: BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science. Foundation Degree Sportsturf Science - online option by distance learning, NVQ Turf Science & Sportsground Maintenance: National Certificate in Groundskeeping and Greenkeeping, also Sports Turf Mechanisation option: First Diploma in Greenkeeping, Turf Science. NQD’s 2, 3 & 4 Greenkeeping Management delivered both in the workplace and over the internet using the college’s ‘NoHed System’. Part-time courses NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Maintenance (Work based training/assessment). All higher education courses can be accessed on a part time basis. NQD Turf Science: FEPA Short courses. NPTC Certificates of competence in the safe use of mowers and turf equipment.

NESCOT - NORTH EAST SURREY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS. Contact: Mr Colin S Smith Tel: 020 8394 3220 Email: info@nescot.co.uk Web: www.nescot.co.uk Information: NVQ Levels 1, 2 and 3 in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options), part time Day Release. Duration: Two years to level 2. FEPA Spraying Courses. Also available - RHS General and Advanced Certificate in Horticulture. RHS Diploma in Horticulture.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE St Albans Smallest Camp, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire. AL4 0GA. Contact: Ian Merrick Tel: 01727 377000 Fax: 01727 377182 Email: ian.merrick@oaklands.ac.uk Web: www.oaklands.ac.uk Information: Full time courses: National Diploma Horticulture and Sports Turf Management. Part-time courses: leading to NQD Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping, Modern Apprenticeships. Evening Courses: leading to NQD Level 4. Short Courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw.

PLUMPTON COLLEGEetching Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AX. Contact: David Blackman Tel: 01273 896456 Fax: 01273 896071 Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk Information: NVQ (Sportsturf, subject to validation) National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award (Garden Design), First Diploma in Horticulture. Part-time courses: NVQ Level 1; NVQ Level 2 in Amenity and Sportsturf; NQV Level 3 Landscaping and Sportsturf; NQV Level 4. Also available are RHS General and Advanced; DC National Technical and Intermediate National Diploma. Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF. Contact: Brian Jones Tel: 01270 613226 Fax: 01270 625465 Email: brianj@reaseheath.ac.uk Web: www.reaseheath.ac.uk Information: Full-time courses: Horticulture (Sportsturf Options) - 1 year. National Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 2 years. BTEC Higher National Diploma Golf Course Management - 3 years. Part time: HNC - contact take for details. NQV Levels 1-4 Greenkeeping with Flexible Learning options. Short courses: FEPA, Chemical Safety, Safe Lifting, Chainsaws, Off-Highway Vehicle Driving. First Aid. NPTC Certificate of Competence.
This guide is not exhaustive and a full list of GTC approved training providers can be obtained from the GTC.

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of training providers offering greenkeeper training courses. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeeper Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF.

Tel: 01347 838640 or visit their website at http://www.the-gtc.co.uk

ENGLAND

Available courses guide

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE

Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2HP Contact: Ray Broughton Tel: 01962 771441 Fax: 01962 771687 Email: broughton@sparsholt.ac.uk Web: www.sparsholt.ac.uk Information: NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping Practice, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping Supervision, City & Guilds Phase IV Management Studies, National Diploma in Golf Course Management and Golf Studies, National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports turf Management, GTC Certificate, Certificate in Golf Course Supervision, FEPA. Short courses, City & Guilds Phase IV and NVQ Level 2 are offered on block release and day release. Full residential facilities available. Sparsholt College provides education and training in the land-based industries.

THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA

Milton Campus Contact: Bob Young Tel: 01723 860701 Email: Student Support at Keynes Lyon on 01539 741144 Ext 271 Information: The College of West Anglia offers a full range of courses for greenkeepers including; NVQ Level 2 Sports turf & Golf Course Management (Day Release 2 year Programme also distance learning option). NVQ Level 2 & 3 Day Release and Workbased Option (we come to you). Two year ND in Horticulture with Turf Option; BTEC National Certificate in Turf Irrigation. Short Courses: Computing for the Greenkeeper - various times throughout the year - ring for details. FEPA, Spraying Certification, Chainsaw Certification, TDLB, First Aids. Also RHS General and Diploma, PAS, RA2, RA3 and RA6. Professional Certificate/Diploma in Greenkeeping. Advanced National Certificate in Sports turf Management - 2 year day release.

WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE


WITTLE COLLEGE


GREENMOUNT COLLEGE

Antrim, County Antrim, Northern Ireland BT41 4PU Contact: Paul Campbell Tel: 028 94 426764 Email: paul.campbell@qprinc.gvu.gov.uk Web: www.greenmount.ac.uk Information: Day release courses to (a) NVQ Level II Greenkeeping and Sportsturf, (b) NVQ Level III Golf Course Supervision, (c) Advanced National Certificate in Horticulture (Sportsturf), (d) National Diploma & Higher National Diploma turf options FEPA, Health and Safety and a range of short courses.

NORTHERN IRELAND

CLIFTON HOUSE COLLEGE

34 Lower Donegall Street, Belfast, BT12 6DJ Contact: Tom McCrindle Tel: 028 90 233972 Email: tom.mccrindle@clifton.ac.uk Web: www.clifton.ac.uk Information: Courses offered: Level 3 Certificate in Horticulture. Level 3 Certificate in Golf Course Management. National Diploma in Horticulture (Greenkeeping Major offered).

TEAGASC COLLEGE

Antrim, County Antrim, Northern Ireland BT41 4PU Contact: Pat Sutcliffe Tel: 00353 18040201 Fax: 00353 18040212 Email: psuttle@kitlimey.teagasc.ie Web: www.teagasc.ie Information: Courses offered: Level 3 Certificate in Horticulture. Level 3 Certificate in Golf Course Management. National Diploma in Horticulture (Greenkeeping Major offered).

IRELAND

ELMWOOD COLLEGE

Crapes, Fife, KY15 4JB Contact: Ann Boon Tel: 01334 658842 Fax: 01334 658888 Email: abain@elmwood.ac.uk Web: www.elmwood.ac.uk Information: Full time National Certificate Greenkeeping. Block Release (SVO Level II). SVO Level III Sports turf block release and Outreach available, and SVO Level IV. HNC/D Golf Course Management available as full-time release. Block release and distance learning. HNC Golf Facility Management, HND Golf Facility Management, PDA for football and cricket available both block release and Outreach. FEPA and COSHH, Chainsaw training, tree climbing techniques and health and safety short courses also available.

GOSTA TRAINING LTD

15 Clydeview Centre, 45 Firrhill Street, Glasgow, G3 6HR Contact: Chris Rothwell Tel: 0141 248 2772 Fax: 0141 248 2453 Email: Chris@posttraining.co.uk Information: SVO II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sports turf including other options and GTC Training Manual. Attendance Day/Block release from November - March. Distance Learning also available. Short courses with certification include Pesticides, Chainsaw, First Aid, Risk Assessment, Abusive Vehicles, Full Range of Machine Operations, Manual Handling and Fire Extinguisher training. Consultancy service for Health and Safety Policy development. Site Risk Audits, Machinery Permit to use system. COSHH and Noise Assessment.

LANGSIDE COLLEGE

Rutherglen Campus, Buchanan Drive, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 3PF Contact: Colin S Urquhart Tel: 0141 647 6300 Email: colinurq@perseus.langside.ac.uk Web: www.langside.ac.uk Information: courses offered: National Certificate in Golf Course Management. National Diploma in Horticulture and Sportsturf Management. GTC: Greenkeeping, GTC Craft Certificate, GTC Certificate in Golf Course Supervision, TDLB Assessor Courses D32, 33, 34. Day Courses - FEPA, Chainsaw Certification, First Aids, C.I.E.H.

OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Ecclesmachan, By Broxburn, West Lothian, Edinburgh, EH52 6NH Contact: Steve Miller Tel: 01506 583157 Fax: 01506 583573 Email: info@oatridge.ac.uk Web: www.oatridge.ac.uk Information: HNC in Golf Course Management (Part-time). Full time National Certificate in Greenkeeping. SVO Level II and GTC Manual Day and Block Release. SVO Level 3 Sports turf and SVO Level 3 Fast Track (Day and Block Release) SVO Level 3 in Service engineering. Full range of Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subjects at HNC and HNC, National Certificate and SVO Levels. Short Course - FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, RisAid.

WALES

PENCOED COLLEGE


Welsh College Of Horticulture