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The GTC introduced the Quality Assured Scheme in the Autumn of 2010, having introduced a new criteria aimed at ensuring golf club employers and greenkeepers have a level of satisfaction when choosing a GTC accredited Centre or Training Provider.

So what is the difference between a Quality Assured Centre and Training Provider?

Quality Assured Centres offer education and training courses all designed to underpin Government accredited certificates and qualifications including the Greenkeeping Apprenticeship Scheme.

So if it is a formal greenkeeping qualification or apprenticeship you are looking for, look no further than the following Centres. They all have met the GTC Quality Assured Centre criteria.

England
Bridgwater College, Somerset. Contact: Jake Watkins Tel: 07912 555992, Email: j.watkins@bridgwa- ter.ac.uk Website: www.bridgwater.ac.uk.

Duchy College, Cornwall. Contact: Ron Skinner Tel: 01579 372220, Email: ronald.skinner@duchyc.ac.uk Website: www.duchy.ac.uk.

Hartpury College, Gloucester- shire. Contact: Mark Harwood- Brown Tel: 01452 702377, Email: Mark.Harwood-Brown@ hartpury.ac.uk Website: www. hartpury.ac.uk.

Myrescause College, Lancashire. Contact: Stewart Brown Tel: 01995 642305, Email: stewart@myres- cause.ac.uk or Paul McGrail Tel: 07740 819415, Email: p.mcgrail@myrescause.co.uk Website: www.myrescause.ac.uk.

Newcastle College, Northumb- erland. Contact: Wayne Reid Tel: 0191 2004714, Email: w.reid@newcastlecollege.co.uk Website:www.newcastlecollege.co.uk.

Oaklands College, Hertfordshire. Contact: Andy Wight Tel: 01727 377373, Email: Andy.Wight@ oaklands.ac.uk Website:www.oaklands.ac.uk.

Plumpton College, Sussex. Con- tact: David Blackman Tel: 01273 900454, Email: david.blackman@plumpton.ac.uk Website:www. plumpton.ac.uk.

Reaseheath College, Cheshire. Contact: Gareth Philips Tel: 01207 613236, Email: garethp@ reaseheath.ac.uk Website: www. reaseheath.ac.uk.

Scotland
Elmwood College, Fife. Contact: Mike Clark Tel: 01334 658800, Email: M.Clark@elmwood.ac.uk Website: www.elmwood.ac.uk.

GOSTA Training, Glasgow. Con- tact: Lesley Lowe Tel: 0141 556 3999, Email: learn@gostatraining.co.uk Website:www.gostatraining.co.uk.

Wales
Bridgend College, Mid-Glamor- gan. Contact: John Sullivan Tel: 01656 302691, Email:j.sullivan@bridgend.ac.uk Website: www. bridgeg.ac.uk.

Desiade College, Flintshire. Con- tact: Jenny Pitts Tel: 01244 831531, Email: j.pitts@desiade.ac.uk Website:www.desiade.ac.uk.

The above Centres are constantly regulated by the Government’s Inspectors, Assuring Bodies Ver- ification and all monitored by the GTC against the Quality Assured Criteria. All of the QA Centres have Sports turf Advisory Panels and if you feel you can assist the staff at these Centres with either feedback or support your Course Manager achieves the aims of the business, hopefully to a Course or Companies Business Plan.

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