

**Title of the qualification (FI, SV)**

Puutarha-alan perustutkinto
Grundexamen inom trädgårdsbranschen

Qualification requirements entered into force on 01.08.2022 (OPH-5148-2021)

Translated title of the qualification (EN)

Vocational qualification in Horticulture

This translation has no legal status.

Profile of skills and competences**Composition of the qualification**

The scope of the vocational qualification in Horticulture is 180 competence points. The qualification is composed of vocational units (145 competence points) and common units (35 competence points). Of the vocational units, the scope of compulsory units is 100 competence points and the scope of optional units is 45 competence points. One compulsory unit from another competence area can be included in the optional units.

The vocational qualification in horticulture has three competence areas, which all share the same qualification title:

- Competence area of Floristry and Horticultural Business, Gardener
- Competence area of Horticulture, Gardener
- Competence area of Landscape Industries, Gardener.

Vocational skills and competences required for completion of the qualification

Holders of a vocational qualification in horticulture have wide-ranging basic skills in horticulture and more advanced competence in floristry and horticultural business, horticulture or landscape industries. They can identify a wide variety of plants in the horticultural sector and factors affecting their growth in green areas, field cultivation, covered spaces, florist's shops or garden centres. They know how to produce safe and high-quality services or horticultural products in the floristry and horticultural business or landscape industries and observe the regulations and agreements of the sector. Qualification holders understand the importance of sustainable development and climate change in horticultural activities.

Gardeners who have completed the *competence area of floristry and horticultural business* can present, sell and price floristry and horticultural products, supplies and services. They can provide advice to customers and make and sell flower arrangements and other products of the sector. They know how to handle plants, ensuring they are saleable, and take care of shop facilities.

Gardeners who have completed the *competence area of horticulture* can work in open grounds and covered facilities growing horticultural products for customers. They are able to select a production method, cultivation methods and resource-efficient working methods and use the machines and equipment required in the sector.

Gardeners who have completed the *competence area of landscape industries* are able to build and maintain safe and pleasant green areas that support biodiversity. They are familiar with the materials used in landscaping and know how to work with them. They can interpret the documents used in landscaping and maintenance and comply with the quality requirements of the sector. They can operate the machinery, equipment and tools used in the building and maintenance of green areas.

Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the certificate	
Gardeners who have completed a vocational qualification in horticulture may work in the sales of products and services in florist's shops and garden centres, as growers of horticultural products, or in landscaping or the maintenance of green areas.	
Official basis of the certificate	
Name and status of the body awarding the certificate An education provider with an authorisation to provide education and award qualifications granted by the Ministry of Education and Culture.	Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate Ministry of Education and Culture Finnish National Agency for Education, the national agency subordinate to the Ministry of Education and Culture
Level of the certificate (national or international) National Qualifications Framework (nqf) 4 European Qualifications Framework (eqf) 4 ISCED 3	Grading scale/Pass requirements Satisfactory 1 / Satisfactory 2 / Good 3 / Good 4 / Excellent 5
Access to the next level of education/training The qualification confers eligibility for higher education studies.	International agreements -
Legal basis Vocational Education and Training Act 531/2017 and the decrees that complement it.	

Officially recognised ways of obtaining the certificate
The vocational skills required for completing the modules are demonstrated by performing practical tasks in authentic situations and work processes (demonstration of knowledge and skills). The student's knowledge and skills are assessed diversely by a teacher and a working life representative and compared to the competence defined in the qualification requirements. The education provider awards the student a qualification certificate once the qualification has been completed acceptably in accordance to the qualification requirements laid down by the Finnish National Agency for Education.
Entry requirements No formal qualifications are required to take the competence test.
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Explanatory note

This document is designed to provide additional information about the specified certificate and does not have any legal status in itself. The format of the description is based on the following texts: Council Resolution 93/C 49/01 of 3 December 1992 on the transparency of qualifications, Council Resolution 96/C 224/04 of 15 July 1996 on the transparency of vocational training certificates, and Recommendation 2001/613/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 July 2001 on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers.

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