

U16802**Establish and develop decorative amenity areas**

Unit Descriptor:

This unit is about establishing and developing decorative amenity areas.

It is for members of staff who can carry out the work described under limited supervision only

The typical tasks you would carry out to complete this unit include:

- Selecting, using and maintaining tools and equipment
- Selecting, handling and transporting plant materials, nutrients and supports
- Establishing temporary and permanent displays made up of
 - Formal bedding
 - Hanging baskets and containers
 - Wall shrubs
 - Climbers
 - Mixed borders
- Erecting and installing supports appropriate to the type of plants and the display
- Selecting, using and maintaining manual and powered tools and equipment
- Developing displays to achieve health, vigor and overall decorative effect by:
 - Watering by hand and using rotary and oscillating sprinklers
 - Applying nutrients in a dry and liquid form by hand and using distributors
 - Controlling pests and diseases and weeds by cultural and chemical methods using manual and powered equipment.
 - Pruning, stopping, pinching out and dead heading formal bedding, hanging baskets and containers, wall shrubs, climbers and mixed borders.
 - Supporting and tying plants

Use of equipment and chemicals must meet the requirements of the law and codes of practice.

ELEMENT**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

To be competent you must achieve the following:

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| 1. Establish decorative amenity areas | 1.1 Select materials that harmonise well will the area . |
| | 1.2 Handle and transport materials efficiently, effectively and safely. |

- 1.3 Keep the **materials** in a condition appropriate for use.
- 1.4 Select and use tools and equipment appropriately, safely and effectively.
- 1.5 Group and position **plants and containers** to achieve an attractive effect.
- 1.6 Use supports that maintain plant growth, appearance and visual impact.
- 1.7 Keep waste to a minimum.
- 1.8 Dispose of debris correctly.
2. Develop the appearance of decorative amenity areas
 - 2.1 Water and feed plants in a way that is appropriate to them and their environment.
 - 2.2 **Control** weeds, pests and diseases.
 - 2.3 Replace lost, damaged and displaced plants to maintain and develop the visual impact of the area.
 - 2.4 Remove unwanted plant material to maintain and develop the visual impact.
 - 2.5 Position **plants and containers** to develop the visual impact of the area and the client's requirements.
 - 2.6 Use support methods that develop the overall effect and the health and vigour of plants.
 - 2.7 Make sure the **area** is clean and tidy.

RANGE STATEMENT

You must cover the items below:

Element 1: Establish decorative amenity areas**A. Establish one of the following types of areas:**

- (i) temporary
- (ii) permanent

B. Select and use all of the following materials:

- (i) plant material
- (ii) nutrients
- (iii) containers
- (iv) supports

C. Arrange three of the following types of plants and containers:

- (i) formal bedding
- (ii) hanging baskets
- (iii) other containers
- (iv) wall shrubs
- (v) climbers
- (vi) mixed borders

Element 2: Develop the appearance of decorative amenity areas**A. Maintain one of the following types of areas:**

- (i) temporary
- (ii) permanent

B. Select and use two of the following methods of control:

- (i) physical
- (ii) chemical
- (iii) cultural

C. Maintain three of the following plants and containers:

- (i) formal bedding
- (ii) hanging baskets
- (iii) other containers
- (iv) wall shrubs
- (v) climbers
- (vi) mixed borders

UNDERPINNING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

1. How to select materials that harmonise well with an area.
2. How to transport and handle the materials efficiently, effectively and safely.
3. How to identify whether the required materials are in a first condition for use.
4. How to select, use and maintain the necessary tools and equipment.
5. How to group and position plants and containers to achieve an attractive effect.
6. The purpose of supports, how to use these in a way which maintains and enhances growth and appearance.
7. How to decide when labeling is necessary and how to label effectively.
8. Why it is important to dispose of debris correctly and the methods you should use.
9. The relevant legislation and codes of practice covering this area of work.
10. Why it is important to develop the appearance of decorative horticulture areas.
11. How to water and feed the plants to develop their condition in their environment.
12. Why it is important to control weeds, pests and diseases.
13. How to select and use appropriate control methods.
14. How to select and remove unwanted plant material in a way which develops the visual impact of the area.
15. How to ensure the positioning of plants and labels develop the visual impact.
16. How to ensure support methods continue to support the plants' vigour and visual impact.

EVIDENCE GUIDE

You need to understand:

(1) Critical Aspects of Evidence

Assessment should involve observation of work processes at intervals when establishing and developing decorative amenity areas. It would also involve questioning related to underpinning knowledge.

Performance evidence should be provided for all of the performance criteria. However, supplementary evidence will be accepted for performance criterion 2.

You must be able to establish and maintain **one** of the following types of **areas**:

- a. Temporary
- b. Permanent

You must also be able to select and use **all** of the following **materials**:

- c. Plant material
- d. Nutrients
- e. Containers
- f. Supports

You must be able to arrange and maintain **three** of the following types of **plants and containers**:

- g. Formal bedding
- h. Hanging baskets
- i. Other containers
- j. Wall shrubs
- k. Climbers
- l. Mixed borders

When developing the appearance of decorative amenity areas you are required to select and use **two** of the following **methods to control weeds, pests and diseases**:

- m. physical
- n. chemical
- o. cultural

You must know the relevant legislation and codes of practice covering this area of work.

(2) Methods of Assessment

Observation by your assessor of you:

- Selecting, handling and transporting plant materials, nutrients and supports
- Establishing various temporary and permanent displays
- Selecting, using and maintaining manual and powered tools and equipment
- Developing displays to achieve health, vigour and overall decorative effect by a variety of methods

Witness testimony as to how you handle and transport materials.

Answers to written or oral questions from your assessor.

(3) Context of Assessment

Evidence from simulations is **not** acceptable for this unit.