

## 1. Title of the certificate (NL)

**Ervaringsbewijs: hovenier onderhoud parken en tuinen (m/v)**

In the original language

## 2. Translated title of the certificate

**Certificate of professional competence: maintenance gardener for parks and private gardens (m/f) (EN)**

**Titre de compétence professionnelle: jardinier entretien de parcs et de jardins (h/f) (FR)**

This translation has no legal status.

## 3. Profile of skills and competences

*The occupational standard was developed and approved by the sectoral social partners.*

**A holder of the certificate of professional competence can:**

### ***maintain a lawn:***

- mows around and next to obstacles without damaging obstacles or grass roots;
- adjusts the aerator so that the blades cut just above the pubescent layer;
- aerates in straight strips, without damaging the lawn;
- cuts the edges of the lawn so that these are straight;
- resows regularly, taking into account the local circumstances;
- notices possible diseases or problems and mentions them to the overseer.

### ***trim:***

- chooses well-adjusted, sharp trimmers;
- starts trimming at the bottom;
- trims the side of the hedge so that the bottom is at least as wide or wider than the top;
- keeps the blade of the trimmer parallel to the hedge;
- trims in the desired shape (sphere, cube, straight lines), taking into account the characteristics of the plant;
- inspects the trimming from different angles.

### ***prune:***

- cuts cross branches, branches competing on top of each other and double ends so that light and air can penetrate the branch structure;
- does not cut into the branch circle and not leave stumps;
- cuts branches obliquely, above a growth point;
- removes heavy branches without tearing;
- removes wild shoots from the rootstock;
- ensures a smooth wound;
- prunes the plant to be guided depending on its future shape;
- chooses adequate material to guide a plant.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

- the difference between spring bloomers and summer bloomers;
- the pruning period for spring bloomers and summer bloomers.

## **Explanation**

The purpose of this document is to provide additional information on the specific certificate and has no legal status of itself. It is based on Council resolution 93/C 49/01 of 3 December 1992 on the transparency of qualifications, on Council resolution 96/C 224/04 of 15 July 1996 on the transparency of vocational training certificates and on 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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**control weeds:**

- hoes the entire surface area and works in a direction that avoids having to step on the hoed soil;
- hoes around and underneath a plant without damaging it;
- manually removes what cannot be removed with the hoe;
- determines the surface area of land to be sprayed;
- chooses the right product depending on the job;
- doses the amount of active substance following the instructions on the packaging;
- sprays the area following the instructions on the packaging;
- sprays taking into account the weather conditions.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

- calibrating a sprayer;
- the consequences of the use of pesticides for the further treatment of the land (when to mow again, etc.).

**dig:**

- applies soil improver, evenly distributed over the land;
- digs a furrow at the beginning and takes this soil to the end of the area to be dug up;
- digs the soil improver and possible vegetation into the soil, so that an even upper layer of soil becomes visible;
- digs deep enough, so that the covered vegetation does not reappear during future works;
- removes all soil/vegetation spilled outside the area to be worked.

**plant trees with bare roots:**

- digs a planting pit, one and a half times bigger than the root structure;
- digs a planting pit deep enough so that the root collar is slightly covered with soil;
- trims damaged roots and branches;
- places the supporting stake at the west side and then the tree, at a one foot distance;
- plants the tree deeper first and gently shakes it so that sufficient soil can fall between the roots and the roots can stretch out in the planting pit;
- fixes the tree to the supporting stake by using at least one eight-shaped tension belt, so that the tree cannot rub against the supporting stake;
- presses the soil so that the tree is firmly supported.

**plant perennials, shrubs and roses:**

- follows the planting plan for the lay-out of the different types of plants;
- respects the necessary distance between the different plant species;
- puts the ball of soil of perennials completely under the ground;
- plants the graft of roses slightly above the ground;
- closes the planting pit so that the plant is fixed, without damaging the plant;
- leaves the soil light and even.

**maintain material:**

- chooses the right fuel depending on the machine;
- determines the state of the air filter;
- determines the state of the spark plug;
- determines the state of the blades;
- checks the oil level;
- checks the machine for defects which impede normal functioning and correct if necessary;
- cleans all material used.

**4. Range of sectors and occupations relevant to the holder of the certificate**

*The holder of the certificate of professional competence can work as a maintenance gardener for parks and private gardens in the agriculture and horticulture sector or other sectors in which these activities take place.*

5. Official basis of the certificate	
<b>Name and status of the body awarding the certificate</b> <i>Test centre recognised by the Flemish Government</i>	<b>Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate</b> <b>Flemish Ministry of Employment and Social Economy</b> <i>Koning Albert II laan 35 bus 21  B-1030 Brussel</i>
<b>Level of the certificate (national or international)</b> <i>Flemish level</i> <i>RAC (Recognition of Acquired Competences)</i>	<b>Grading scale / pass requirements</b> <i>All competences as described in point 3 must be proved.</i>
<b>International or European regulations</b>	
<b>Legal basis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Flemish Government Order of 23 September 2005 implementing the Decree of 30 April 2004 on obtaining a certificate of professional competence</i></li> <li><i>Ministerial Order of 18 February 2008 determining the standard for the title of maintenance gardener for parks and private gardens (= certificate of professional competence)</i></li> </ul>	

6. Officially recognized ways of acquiring the certificate		
Description of followed pathways	Percentage of total programme (%)	Duration (hours/weeks/months/years)
Recognition of acquired competences (RAC)	100	Max. 8 hours
<b>Total duration of the assessment leading to the certificate</b>		Max. 8 hours
<b>Additional information</b> <i>The assessment was developed according to the standard for maintenance gardener for parks and private gardens, as established and approved by employee and employer representatives from the sector. The assessment consists of an optional evaluation of a portfolio and the actual assessment by 2 evaluators according to the standard for maintenance gardener for parks and private gardens.</i>		
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