

# Just the Job

## Information Sheet

### Job title/s

Turf Manager  
Green keeper  
Grounds person  
Caretaker  
Course Superintendent

### Job description

<http://www.kiwicareers.govt.nz/default.aspx?id0=103&id1=J47123>

This job involves the establishment, preparation and maintenance of natural and synthetic, sports and amenity turf surfaces.

- \* Preparing for and sowing grass seed or laying turf
- \* Mowing, watering and grooming grassed areas
- \* Renovating the turf
- \* Operating and maintaining irrigation systems
- \* Operating and maintaining mowing equipment and machinery
- \* Fertilising grounds and plants
- \* Spray turf to control weeds pests and diseases
- \* Mark out sports fields and other turf areas
- \* Prepare and maintain golf courses, bowling greens or horse racetracks
- \* Prepare and maintain cricket pitches, softball diamonds or rugby fields
- \* Maintain buildings and changing rooms
- \* Manage staff and develop or manage budgets
- \* Keep records for planning and analysing methods
- \* Organise rubbish removal, recycling and composting
- \* Comply with Occupational Health and Safety (OSH) regulations
- \* Research turf care information

### Qualifications required

There are no barriers to entry to this career however people need a satisfactory level of literacy, numeracy, communication and problem solving skills to succeed. Maths English, Horticulture and science are helpful subjects.

### Location of job

Mostly outdoors.

### Career path

Labourer or Apprentice

Trade qualified  
Second or third in charge  
Turf manager  
Asset manager

### **Salary range**

\$20,000 - \$60,000

There is potential to earn up to \$100,000 in some of the top positions

### **Other careers this profession could lead to**

- \* City and District council parks managers
- \* Golf Club Manager
- \* Sports turf contractor
- \* Lawn care contractor
- \* Consultant
- \* Golf Course or landscape design
- \* Irrigation design and installation
- \* Turf maintenance machinery maintenance
- \* Agriculture
- \* Horticulture
- \* Sales

### **How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry**

Join your local sports club – Golf, bowls, cricket etc

Gain experience on a turf venue via your schools Gateway programme

### **Other places to source information about this job:**

<http://www.kiwicareers.govt.nz/default.aspx?id0=103&id1=J47123>

<http://www.nzstito.org.nz/>

<http://www.nzsti.org.nz/>

<http://www.nzrecreation.org.nz/>

<http://www.nzgcsa.org.nz/>

<http://www.nzgolf.org.nz/>

<http://www.nzcricket.co.nz/>

[www.parklands.co.nz](http://www.parklands.co.nz)

### **Any other relevant points:**

Here is the Logo

Yes, <http://www.nzstito.org.nz> is the correct web address

Could also include [www.nzsti.org.nz](http://www.nzsti.org.nz) and [www.nzgcsa.org.nz](http://www.nzgcsa.org.nz)