

Just the Job Information Sheet

Job title/s

- Turf Manager
- Green keeper
- Grounds person
- Caretaker
- Course Superintendent

Job description

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

- * 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

Qualification requirements

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. English, maths, 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 your chances of successfully entering this industry

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

Gain experience on a turf venue via your school's Gateway programme

Other places to source information about this job

www.kiwicareers.govt.nz/default.aspx?id0=103&id1=J47123

www.nzstito.org.nz/

www.nzsti.org.nz/

www.nzrecreation.org.nz/

www.nzgcsa.org.nz/

www.nzgolf.org.nz/

www.nzcricquet.co.nz/

www.parklands.co.nz