

Greenkeeper

Greenkeepers establish and maintain fine turf, grassed areas and synthetic surfaces used for sporting events.

Job title examples



Greenkeeper / Turf Keeper

Other jobs in this field of work

What greenkeepers do



- prepare seedbeds for new turf
- establish and maintain turf by watering, over sowing or over seeding, and repairing green damage
- mow, roll and level turf
- peg and mark out lines and logos, install nets, posts and stumps, and place other sports equipment on playing areas
- operate and maintain hand and power driven equipment such as mowers, aerators, cultivators, corers and line marking equipment
- construct cricket wickets, tennis courts, and bowling, croquet and golf greens
- replant, repair, aerate, fertilise and top dress lawns
- install and maintain synthetic surfaces
- may maintain buildings, fences and surrounding gardens

Main employing industries



- Education and training
- Accommodation and food services
- Arts and recreation services

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate III in Sports Turf Management available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Sports Turf Management available as a traineeship or qualification

Diploma of Sports Turf Management available as a qualification

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects and pay



- There are around 4,634 greenkeepers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Greenkeepers: \$845
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Gardener
- Nurseryperson
- Garden and nursery labourer

To find out more about other jobs, visit the [Job Guides Homepage](#).

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014