

AHC31316 Certificate III in Sports Turf Management

This qualification is part of the Horticulture Training Package, Turf stream. It provides training for people who need to acquire the skills & knowledge needed to establish & maintain turf grass areas & associated plantings on recreational facilities such as bowling greens, golf courses, tennis courts, cricket wickets & race tracks.

Job titles may include: Green Keeper, Grounds person

What is it going to do for me?

It provides students with the skills & knowledge needed to work in the turf industry in the preparation & maintenance of these surfaces.

This qualification will help you develop the skills & knowledge to:

- Prepare surfaces for use
- Renovate grassed areas
- Turf construction
- Pest & weed control
- Installation & maintenance of irrigation & drainage systems
- Management of turf health
- Planning sports turf surfaces

How long is it going to take?

As a student who is not studying under a Contract of Training as a trainee the learning is self-paced, so the length of time to complete the qualification is dependent on your current skills and capacity to commit time to your studies. The learning and assessment time of this qualification for a non-traineeship is 1200 hours over a 3 year period. As a Trainee (studied under a Contract of Training) this qualification must be completed within your traineeship period of 36 months (3 years).

The length of study may be lessened where you can evidence relevant current competency for skills and knowledge. This may go towards recognition of prior learning (RPL) resulting in credit for one or more units of competency. ARO can provide assistance with the RPL process. Please contact our office and/or indicate your desire for RPL on the enrolment form.

How is the qualification delivered?

Traineeship: If you are currently employed in Sports Turf and your employer agrees to a traineeship relationship ARO will provide a combination of training modes. Trainers and Assessors will conduct training and verification of competencies achieved through on-job training (provided by your employer) at your workplace; you are provided a workbook to complete for each unit of competency and additional off-job training will be provided to help you achieve your qualification.

Non-Traineeship: If you are not currently employed in Sports Turf, ARO delivers the qualification completely off-job or ARO may be able to assist you to gain a traineeship. Please note ARO does not guarantee placement in traineeships.

What does the course contain?

- Completion of Fifteen (16) units is required to gain qualification (comprised of 11 core units and 5 elective units).

Elective Units

- 3 units selected from the electives list
- 2 units may be selected from the elective list or from units aligned to AQF levels 2, 3 or 4 from this or any other endorsed Training Package or Accredited Course
- Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in sports turf management and must be chosen to ensure the integrity of the qualification outcome at AQF level 3

As a general guideline we have the following suggestion of units, if you wish to choose alternative elective units please speak to ARO upon enrolling.

CORE	
AHCIRG331	Install pressurised irrigation systems
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCPCM301	Implement a plant nutrition program
AHCPCM302	Provide information on plants and their culture
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCTRF301	Construct turf playing surfaces
AHCTRF302	Establish turf
AHCTRF303	Implement a grassed area maintenance program
AHCTRF305	Renovate sports turf
AHCWHS301	Contribute to work health and safety processes
ELECTIVES	
AHCCHM303	Prepare and apply chemicals
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCDRG301	Install drainage systems
AHCSOL303	Implement soil improvements for garden and turf areas
AHCWRK309	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices

Fees: Please see our most recent [Fee Schedule](#) and [Funding](#) options on our website.

Policies and Enrolment process: Please see our student hand book, this can be found on our website or by contacting ARO office and we can send one out to you.