



## Career Guides

Greenskeepers maintain turf and synthetic grasses used for professional or amateur sport.

## Greenskeeper

### Where You Might Work

Greenskeepers could find themselves working in many desirable locations, including:

- › Professional sporting grounds such as the Gabba and Suncorp Stadium
- › Amateur sporting grounds
- › Bowling lawns
- › Tennis clubs with grass courts
- › Golf clubs



## Key Responsibilities

Greenskeepers undergo many different tasks throughout the day. These tasks include:

- › Preparing seed beds for new turf.

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- › Establishing turf by watering, sowing, seeding, and repairing weed damage.

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- › Mowing, rolling, and levelling turf.

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- › Pegging and marking out lines and logos.

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- › Installing nets, posts, and stumps.

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- › Placing other sports equipment on playing areas.

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- › Operating power tools such as mowers, aerators, cultivators, and line marking equipment.

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- › Constructing different types of surfaces for different sports (e.g., cricket wickets, tennis courts, golf greens etc.).

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- › Maintaining turf by repairing, fertilising, and top-dressing lawns.

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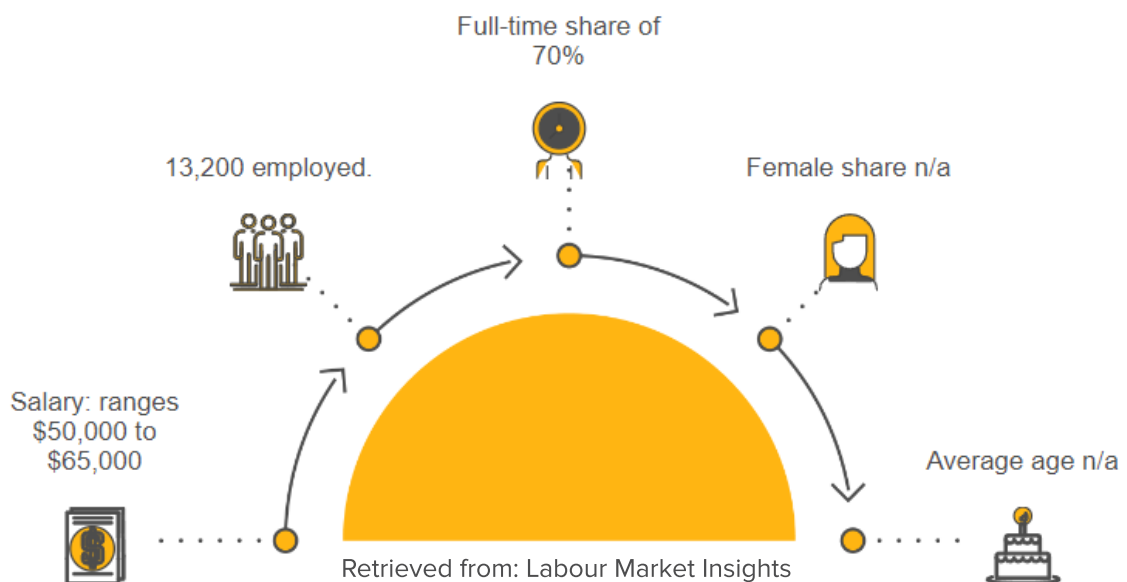


## The Skills and Attributes You Will Need

Greenkeeping is a unique profession due to its hand-on nature, meaning it requires a different set of skills compared to some other careers. The skills you will need could include:

- › Undergoing physically demanding tasks every day such as mowing, clipping etc.
- › An ability to work in all weather conditions, especially hot temperatures.
- › An ability to work to a deadline and have projects ready to go by the end of it.
- › Confident with the use of machinery such as motorised mowers and hedge trimmers.
- › Good knowledge of the sport which is played on the turf you curate.
- › Being able to work collaboratively as well as individually.
- › Good physical fitness.

## Quick Facts



Salary: The average salary of a greenskeeper ranges \$50,000 to \$65,000, according to seek.com.au.





## Qualifications

The following guide displays some VET courses you may undertake to become a greenskeeper; however, formal qualifications are not deemed essential.

Course/s	Potential Career Outcomes	Further Qualifications	Duration and/or number of units
Certificates I, II, III, and IV in Horticulture (AHC40422)	Uncovers all the skills and knowledge for entry level work, all the way to supervisory jobs in the horticulture industry	Diploma of Horticulture Management	Cert IV = 12 units of competency recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework.
Certificate II and III in Sports Turf Management (AHC31319)	Allows you to carry out trade-level roles within sports turf management.	n/a	Cert III = 23 units of competency recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework.

## Additional Qualifications

> Forklift licence

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> Driver's licence

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