

Sports Turf Operative Apprenticeship



Qualification	Level 2 ST0210 Sports Turf Operative
Based at	Hadlow College
Length of apprenticeship	18-24 months
Hours	Part time study includes one day a week at college.
Entry requirements	Minimum GCSE Grade 3 or above in both Maths and English
Description	<p>This profession exists to ensure that public and private sports facilities are available for use by the public and ensures facilities are available to support the Government policy of increasing physical activity. The Sports Turf Operative may also be referred to as a Groundsperson or Grounds Maintenance Operative.</p> <p>A Sports Turf Operative is responsible for the maintenance and renovation and overall appearance of one or more sports turf surfaces in accordance with the needs of the particular sport. It is their job to maintain an appropriate quality playing surface which mirrors the carrying capacity of that surface to ensure that a sustainable playing surface is available.</p> <p>The career as a Sports Turf Operative can be quite varied, potentially working across a wide range of different sports and venues, including athletics, bowls, cricket, croquet, football, hockey, horse racing, rugby league and union, tennis and ranging from general parks type sports surfaces up to first class stadia. Working in the outdoor setting is a healthy and beneficial activity, which contributes to the well-being of employees as well as users of sports surfaces. With the vast range of natural or artificial turf pitches available, throughout the UK and world- wide, now is an excellent time to join this well-established and dynamic profession.</p> <p>Due to the physical nature of the work of a Sports Turf Operative health and safety considerations, such as manual handling and the safe use of equipment, will form an important combined part of the first two-months of an Apprenticeship programme. This Standard is recognised by the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG), the Professional Body for Sports Turf Operatives and others working in the grounds care industry.</p>
Assessment	The End Point Assessment forms 100% of the assessment of the Apprenticeship.
Progression	Upon achievement of this Standard the Apprentice will be eligible to join the IOG Register of Turf Management Professionals.
English and maths	Minimum GCSE Grade 3 or above in both Maths and English.
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