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# Sports Turf Management Training & Education

Course Information



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Australian Government  
Australian Skills Quality Authority



NATIONALLY RECOGNISED  
TRAINING

RTO #46011



## Leaders of Industry

Established in 1981, the Australian Sports Turf Managers Association represents over 1,600 members as the peak industry body for Sports Turf Management in Australia.

A not-for-profit incorporated Association, the Australian Sports Turf Managers Association represents professional Sports Turf Managers across Cricket Curators, Golf Courses, Sportsfields & Grounds, Racetracks, Lawn Tennis, Councils, Turf Equipment Technicians and other related fields, the association supports members through education, facilitating Industry Awards, advocacy, and research & development into professional and environmentally sustainable Turf Management.

The Australian Sports Turf Managers Association works to improve the knowledge, welfare and professional standards of its members and other industry professionals as well as the production of quality turf playing surfaces at Sport & Recreation facilities across Australia.

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO #46011), the Australian Sports Turf Managers Association is endorsed by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), recognised to deliver formal education and National Qualifications under the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).

The Australian Sports Turf Managers Association currently delivers formal training and assessment for Nationally Recognised Training Qualifications in Sports Turf Management including the;

- **Certificate III** Sports Turf Management (AHC31324)
- **Diploma** of Sports Turf Management (AHC51024)

In addition, the Association provides a range of services to members and the industry, including:

- The annual Australian Sports Turf Management Conference & Trade Exhibition
- National Sports Turf Management Industry Awards
- Sports Turf Education Seminars and Programs
- The First Green Education Program
- Australian Sports Turf Management Industry Magazine
- Sports Turf Management industry Guides, Templates and Resources
- Women in Turf Program



# AHC31324 Certificate III in Sports Turf Management

Certificate III in Sports Turf Management AHC31324 is designed for Apprentices.

This program develops the competencies required to grow and maintain high quality sports turf surfaces such as cricket, rugby league, horse racing, soccer, lawn tennis, lawn bowls and golf.

### Entry Requirements

The Australian Sports Turf Managers Association (ASTMA) requires students:

- Have commenced as a licenced apprentice in the vocation of Sports Turf Management (AHC31324) or currently work within Sports Turf Management or related industries.
- 18 years of age or over and have completed high school or have been provided with an application from the board of studies to enter in the qualification.
- Complete a language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment to demonstrate that they have the required level of LLN skills required by the course.

### Course Information

Students will undertake 23 units of competence including;

- Contribute to WHS Processes
- Operate Machinery and Equipment
- Soil Science
- Construct, Renovate and Establish Sports Turf
- Prepare Sports Turf Surfaces for Play
- Pest Management
- AQF3 (Chemical Applicators Licence)
- Irrigation Operation, Maintenance and Installation
- Implement a Plant Nutrition Program



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### Training

Training is conducted in a blended format, weekly (35 weeks per year) over three years. Students will undertake weekly online tutorial sessions and meet four times a year (Monday-Thursday) at some of the countries finest sporting venues, as a group to network and complete practical skills training and assessment in block sessions.

### Enrolment / Intake Dates

ASTMA Courses for both Certificate III and Diploma are open all-year round. Students can enrol and commence study at any time throughout the year

### Course Costs (AHC31324)

Total Tuition Fee:

- Standard (Subsidised): \$5,520
- Full fee: \$22,600

A Certificate III in Sports Turf Management will provide students with the skills, knowledge and experience to undertake a career in turf management, working at some of the countries finest sport and recreation venues



### Payment Plans

Payment Plans are available for all qualifications delivered by the Australian Sports Turf Managers Association





# AHC51024 Diploma of Sports Turf Management

The Diploma of Sports Turf Management is ideal for individuals working in the sports turf area who currently hold a Certificate III in Sports Turf Management, and are looking to advance their career into senior pr management positions. This qualification enhances the skills and knowledge for management roles in sports turf.

It applies to individuals who are responsible for the management of sports turf facilities and who analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of advanced skilled activities and demonstrate deep knowledge in specific technical areas.

## Entry Requirements

To commence this qualification an individual must have:

- completed a Certificate III in Sports Turf Management or an equivalent turf management trade level qualification, or
- a certificate III level qualification in amenity horticulture combined with two years current work experience in a trade level role at a sports turf facility, and
- complete a language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment to demonstrate that they have the required level of LLN skills required by the course

## Course Information

Students will undertake 14 units of competence including;

- Manage Enterprise Staff Requirement
- Develop Policies and Procedures for Sustainability
- Audit Irrigation Systems
- Manage Sports Turf Facility Assets
- Manage Trail and Research Material
- Prepare and Monitor Budgets and Financial Reports



## Training

This qualification is delivered virtually (online) over two years, to offer greater flexibility and accessibility for turf professionals. Tutorials will be conducted weekly, one unit at a time, covering curriculum criteria and assessment requirement. Assessments will be short answer written questions covering the knowledge evidence of the unit and portfolio of evidence consisting of work-based reports and student presentations.

## Enrolment / Intake Dates

ASTMA Courses for both Certificate III and Diploma are open all-year round. Students can enrol and commence study at any time throughout the year

## Course Costs (AHC51024)

Total Tuition Fee:

- Standard (Subsidised) \$6,160
- Full fee \$14,860

Undertaking a Diploma in Sports Turf Management, allows students to increase their understanding of leadership activities, expand knowledge and develop key technical skills to pursue senior or managerial positions within the Sports Turf Management industry



## Payment Plans

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Applications

Applications are now open for enrolment into both Certificate III and Diploma qualification courses.

Commencement / Intake Dates

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Online

Applicants can apply/enrol online via the Australian Sports Turf Managers Association [Online Enrolment Form](#) and follow the links to Apply.

Via Email

Applicants can apply in writing (email) to [admin@astma.com.au](mailto:admin@astma.com.au) or [albert@astma.com.au](mailto:albert@astma.com.au) and including a brief summary of how they meet the entry requirements and a copy of a current resume, listing details of a workplace referee to confirm details and providing a passport size photo showing the applicants face.

Course Costs

Certificate III (AHC31324) - Total Tuition Fee:

- Standard (Subsidised): \$5,520
- Full fee: \$22,600

Diploma (AHC51024) - Total Tuition Fee:

- Standard (Subsidised) \$6,160
- Full fee \$14,860

For Further Information

To enquire about the Certificate III or Diploma, please contact:

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- Supported by the Government of South Australia
- Participant Eligibility Criteria apply







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