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## City & Guilds

### 500/8717/4 City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Sports and Amenity Turf Maintenance

#### OVERVIEW

#### Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you are looking to start a career within the sports turf industry.

This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or older. There are no prior qualifications needed. You will need to be able to do work experience in the sports turf industry for a minimum of 150 hours.

#### What does this qualification cover?

You must achieve all the following compulsory topics:

- basic principles of soil science
- basic principles of plant science
- work-related experience in the land-based industries
- introduction to land-based machinery operations
- principles of sports and amenity turf maintenance.

You then need to take further optional topics, which could include the following areas:

- maintain sports turf surfaces - cricket
- maintain sports turf surfaces - football
- maintain sports turf surfaces - golf
- maintain sports turf surfaces – horse racing
- maintain sports turf surfaces – bowling greens
- maintain sports turf surfaces - rugby
- maintain sports turf surfaces – tennis
- maintain turf in amenity horticulture
- maintain plants outdoors
- estate maintenance
- introduction to the principles of land-based machinery
- maintain winter and summer sports turf surfaces
- maintain and renovate artificial sports surfaces.



Centres and providers may work with local employers who can contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers may provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for training on the job or specialist further study.

***Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?***

The qualification could lead to employment opportunities in the following types of businesses:

- golf club
- sports club
- sports centre.

You could get a job working as a:

- greenkeeper
- groundsman.

**Will the qualification lead to further learning?**

You could progress to other qualifications in Horticulture at Level 3, or to the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (Sports Turf pathway), which could be taken alone or as part of an Apprenticeship.

***If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?***

City & Guilds offers two sizes of qualification in Sports and Amenity Turf Maintenance: Extended Certificate and Diploma. You are likely to take the Extended Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the basic skills and knowledge required by employers in the sports turf industry. The Extended Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study. You are likely to take the Diploma if you want to specialise, to develop more of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the sports turf industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken as part of a full-time one year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

**WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?**

This qualification is supported by:

- The Greenkeepers Training Committee
- The Institute of Groundmanship.

**THIS IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION.**

For further information on this qualification please go to:

[http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Land\\_Based\\_Services/Horticulture/0078/0078\\_Level\\_2/Centre\\_documents/0078-32\\_L2\\_Qualification\\_handbook\\_v2.pdf](http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Land_Based_Services/Horticulture/0078/0078_Level_2/Centre_documents/0078-32_L2_Qualification_handbook_v2.pdf)