Overview of Programme Modules

- Introduction to Sportsturf Management
- Turfgrass Science & Morphology
- Sportsturf Grasses & Weeds
- Turfgrass & Landscape Management
- Turfgrass Equipment: Set-up, Maintenance & Operation
- Soil & Rootzones for Sportsturf Facilities
- Soil Hydrology
- Plant Protection
- Artificial Sports Surfaces
- Meteorology, Environmental Sustainability & Ecology
- Sportsturf Construction
- Sportsturf Facility Set-up
- Apprentice Project

Programme Structure

- The programme runs over two years.
- Apprentices spend 80% of this time on-the-job with an approved employer.
- Apprentices will attend college on block release for 6 weeks per year.
- Access to on-line classes, tutorials and industry experts.





Still have questions?
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Sportsturf Management Apprenticeship

QQI Level 6
Higher Certificate in Sportsturf Management

This is a new apprenticeship for people currently working or who wish to work in the sportsturf industry in Ireland. Developed in partnership with industry and delivered by Teagasc.



Apprenticeship Duration

2 year paid employment with an approved Sportsturf Industry Employer. (Note—*The employer pays the apprentice for the duration of the apprenticeship.*)

- 80% of the time will be with the Employer (on-the-job)
- 20% of the time will be with Teagasc (off-the-job) which includes on-line learning.

Employer Grant

Employers can now claim a grant of €2000 per apprentice per year via Apprenticeship Online. The grant to employers is paid in arrears in 2 payments of €1,000 per apprentice annually, in May-June and November-December.

Cost

The cost of the apprenticeship is €1,500 per annum. Associated costs such as travel and accommodation are extra.



Why should I choose this apprenticeship?

Hands-on practical experience in an approved Sportsturf facility.

- Professional User certification (DAFM).
- Internationally recognised qualification (QQI Level 6 Higher Certificate)
- Join a network of peers across the country.
- Develop transversal skills.
- Exposure to latest technologies.
- Field visits to sportsturf venues across Ireland.
- Access to industry experts and research.

Who is responsible for my learning?

Apprentices are responsible for their own learning with the continual support of an appointed Teagasc workplace mentor and your employer.

How do I join this apprenticeship?

You need to be working for or source a registered employer within the sector. Apprenticeship vacancies will be advertised on www.apprenticeship.ie.

Industries served by the apprenticeship

A wide variety of enterprises both privately and publicly owned to include golf courses, sportsturf contractors, sports pitches, race courses, training gallops, local authorities, educational institutions, bowling greens, pitch and putt clubs and cricket clubs, sports, tennis and parks/ amenity areas.

What's the Certification?

QQI Level 6 Higher Certificate in Sportsturf Management.

QQI AWARD

National Framework of Qualifications

