



# Qualifications

## Level 2 IOG Technical Awards in Turf Surface Maintenance

### Course description

There are 5 Awards which can be taken stand alone or gradually built-up to make Level 2 Technical Certificate in Turf Surface Maintenance. Each Award lasts a maximum of 4-months from the date of enrolment.

#### Why

These qualifications are ideal for someone wishing to develop specific areas of their knowledge and understanding. They are also ideal for those who wish to re-engage with a formal learning experience but do not wish to attend college.

#### Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for each course, although you should have a keen interest in sports and sports turf maintenance. Candidates should ideally have a minimum of 1 years' experience to gain the most from a course.

#### Study

Each course will be studied through distance / home study learning, with tutor support by email. A detailed syllabus and course study plan is provided along with specific web links which signpost relevant material.

#### Assessment

Each qualification (award) is assessed by sitting one 45 minute written examination paper.

### Benefits

- + **Smaller flexible approach to learning**
- + **Gain in-depth technical knowledge**
- + **Receive a certificate or full qualification**

### Awards

- ✓ **AWARDS 1 / Soils, fertilisers and nutrients. 40 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 2 / Plant types, grasses and seeds. 30 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 3 / Weeds, pests, and diseases. 30 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 4 / Maintenance, and health & safety. 40 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 5 / Maintaining turfgrass surfaces. 40 hours**

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# Qualifications

## Level 2 IOG Technical Certificate in Turf Surface Maintenance

### Course description

The estimated time for study is 180 hours, lasting 11-months (maximum) from the date of enrolment. If you wish to focus on a specific part of this course we have 5 separate Level 2 Awards - ideal for those who have attended an IOG training course and who wish to learn and understand more on a particular subject.

#### Why

This qualification is ideal for an experienced grounds person someone wishing to gain an initial formal qualification in turf maintenance, but who do not wish to attend a traditional college. No practical work involved with this qualification.

#### Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for this course, although you should have a keen interest in turf maintenance. Candidates should ideally have a minimum of one years experience to gain the most from the course.

#### Study

Each course will be through distance / home study learning, with tutor support by email. A detailed syllabus and course study plan is provided (no text books are provided) along with specific web links which signpost relevant material.

#### Assessment

The qualification is assessed by sitting two 1½ hour written examination papers.

### Benefits

- + **Gain in-depth technical knowledge**
- + **Optimise maintenance tasks to conditions**
- + **Reduce waste, saving money**

### MODULES

#### Some of the subjects

- ✓ M 1 / Soils
- ✓ M 2 / Fertilisers and nutrients
- ✓ M 3 / Plant classification
- ✓ M 4 / Grasses and seeds
- ✓ M 5 / Weeds, pests, diseases
- ✓ M 6 / Maintenance activities
- ✓ M 7 / Maintaining turfgrass
- ✓ M 8 / Health and safety

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# Qualifications

## Level 3 IOG Supervisory Management

### Course description

The five modules – team motivation, coaching skills, idea generation, meeting management and team building – can be studied individually for the IOG Level 3 Certificate in Supervisory Management, or as a whole for the full qualification. Content provides a detailed insight into the skills needed to lead, build and manage a team.

#### Why

This learning route will help to support and develop managers who have been promoted into management positions without any formal training or experience in issues that are 'non turf-related'. Also ideal for those wishing to progress their career.

#### Requirements

This is the IOG's key management qualification – ideal for people wishing to demonstrate their expertise within a sports turf related team. Candidates will ideally have at least 3 years experience. No practical work is involved.

#### Study

Extending across nine months, learn at a pace that suits the individual and is based on distance/home study learning, with tutor support by email. Totalling around 150 hours of learning – enrol on one or more modules to suit your needs.

#### Assessment

Gain a certificate of Module Achievement, in addition to the certificate of Module Completion (which does not require an assessment element), by passing the end of module online multiple choice assessment. Learners who study and complete all 5 modules will achieve a qualification in 'IOG Level 3 Certificate in Supervisory Management'.

### Benefits

- + **A online self study course - learn in your own time**
- + **Learn to lead, build and manage a successful team**
- + **Improve management performance (personal)**

### Awards

- ✓ **M 1 / Team Motivation**  
Theories of motivation and impact within a team. 30 hours
- ✓ **M 2 / Coaching Skills**  
Providing appropriate guidance and coaching. 35 hours
- ✓ **M 3 / Encouraging New Ideas**  
Identifying, developing and implementing ideas. 25 hours
- ✓ **M 4 / Meeting Management**  
Communicating information effectively. 20 hours
- ✓ **M 5 / Team Building**  
How to work with, and create an effective team. 40 Hours

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# Qualifications

## Level 3 IOG Technical Awards in Turf Surface Maintenance

### Course description

There are five awards which can be taken alone or gradually built-up to make the Level 3 Technical Diploma in Turf Surface Management qualification. The awards are ideal for someone with several years experience, wishing to gain a formal qualification in managing turfgrass surfaces. There is no practical work involved in this qualification.

#### Why

This course is the natural progression route from the IOG Level 2 qualification, yet is also suitable for people with other horticulture based qualifications who wish to develop their understanding of technical aspects of turf management.

#### Requirements

Candidates should preferably have a minimum of two years experience. It would also be beneficial, but not essential, to hold a relevant Level 2 qualification; with a keen interest in sport and sports turf management.

#### Study

The course will be studied through distance/ home study learning, with tutor support primarily by email. A detailed syllabus and study plan is provided along with a textbook and specific web links which provide further learning material.

#### Assessment

Each qualification (i.e. Award) is assessed by sitting one 60-minute written examination paper.

### Benefits

- + **Gain in-depth technical knowledge**
- + **Smaller flexible approach to learning**
- + **Gain a certificate or the full qualification**

### Awards

- ✓ **AWARDS 1 / Construction, drainage, soil & turf. 40 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 2 / Plant science and turf grasses. 30 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 3 / Integrated pest & water management. 30 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 4 / Turf standards & work programming. 40 hours**
- ✓ **AWARDS 5 / Non-turf surfaces & health and safety. 40 hours**

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# Qualifications

## Level 3 IOG Technical Diploma in Turf Surface Maintenance

### Course description

The estimated study time is 180 hours, lasting a maximum of 11-months from the date of enrolment. This course is ideal for someone with several years' experience wishing to gain a formal qualification.

#### Why

This is the natural progression route from the IOG Level 2 qualification, yet is also suitable for people with other horticulture based qualifications who wish to develop their understanding of technical aspects of turf management.

#### Requirements

Candidates should preferably have a minimum of two years experience. It would also be beneficial, but not essential, to hold a relevant Level 2 qualification; with a keen interest in sport and sports turf management.

#### Study

The course will be through distance / home study learning, with tutor support primarily by email. A detailed syllabus and course study plan is provided along with a course textbook and specific web links which provide further learning material.

#### Assessment

The qualification is assessed by each candidate sitting two 2½ hour written examination papers.

### Benefits

- + **Gain in-depth technical knowledge**
- + **Optimise resource use, saving money**
- + **Understand key management skills**

### MODULES

- ✓ M 1 / Turf nutrition and soil science
- ✓ M 2 / Plant science
- ✓ M 3 / Turf grasses
- ✓ M 4 / Integrated pest Management
- ✓ M 5 / Turfgrass standards
- ✓ M 6 / Programming and profiling
- ✓ M 7 / Construction and drainage
- ✓ M 8 / Non-turf surfaces
- ✓ M 9 / Water management
- ✓ M 10 / Health & safety management

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# Qualifications

## Level 4 IOG Certificate in Sustainable Turf Management

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### Course description

The estimated study time for the course is 120 hours, with the course lasting a maximum of 8-months from the date of enrolment. This course is also ideal for someone with at least 3 years experience and who wish to gain a formal qualification in sustainable management, or who do not want to create a portfolio of evidence. There is no practical work involved.

#### Why

Ideal for anyone involved with managing turfgrass and wish to understand how they can provide a sustainable turfgrass surface. With ever increasing demands this course will suit people wishing to consider a longer term perspective.

#### Requirements

This course is only available to persons over the age of 19 years. Candidates will have an interest in sustainability and how this can be applied to turfgrass surfaces. Additionally have relevant experience to gain the most from the course.

#### Study

The course will be through distance / home study learning, with tutor support primarily by email. A detailed syllabus and course study plan is provided along with a course textbook and specific web links which provide further learning material.

#### Assessment

The qualification is assessed by each candidate submitting a written report.

### Benefits

- + **Manage sports turf surfaces sustainably**
  - + **Learn effective maintenance practices**
  - + **Reduce resource use, saving money**
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### MODULES

Some of the subjects

- ✓ M 1 / What is sustainability?
  - ✓ M 2 / Managing for sustainability
  - ✓ M 3 / Beyond sustainability
  - ✓ M 4 / Sustainable turf management
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# Qualifications

## Level 4 IOG Professional Cert in Turf Surface Management

### Course description

The estimated study time for the course is 180 hours, with the course lasting a maximum of 11-months from the date of enrolment. This course is ideal for someone with at least 4 years experience wishing to gain a higher level formal qualification in managing turfgrass surfaces, but who do not wish to attend a college course, or create a portfolio of evidence.

#### Why

This qualification is also the natural progression route from the IOG Level 3 qualification, yet is also suitable for people with other horticulture based qualifications who wish to develop their understanding of turf management.

#### Requirements

This course is only available to persons over the age of 19 and who have a minimum of 2 years experience. You should have a keen interest in turf management and have the skills needed to study at this level.

#### Study

The course will be through distance / home study learning, with tutor support primarily by email. A detailed syllabus and course study plan is provided along with a course textbook and specific web links which provide further learning material.

#### Assessment

The qualification is assessed by each candidate sitting two 2½ hour written examination papers.

### Benefits

- + **Improve sports turf management practices**
- + **Improve team motivation and staff effectiveness**
- + **Improve knowledge of design and construction**

### MODULES

#### Some of the subjects

- ✓ M 1 / Sustainable management
- ✓ M 2 / Waste minimisation
- ✓ M 3 / Managing a team
- ✓ M 4 / Machinery procurement
- ✓ M 5 / Work analysis and evaluation
- ✓ M 6 / Design and construction

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# Qualifications

## Level 5 IOG Professional Diploma in Turf Surface Management

### Course description

The estimated learning time for the course is 180 hours, with the course lasting a maximum of 11-months from the date of enrolment.

#### Why

This course is the IOG's premier Turf Surface Management qualification – and is ideal for those wishing to demonstrate their expertise within the turf and grounds care industry. There is no practical work involved with this qualification.

#### Requirements

Candidates will ideally have at least six years experience in the turf and grounds care industry. You will also have achieved the IOG Level 4 Professional Certificate in Turf Surface Management (this being year 1 of the former NDT)\*.

#### Study

The course will be through distance / home study learning, with tutor support primarily by email. A detailed syllabus and course study plan is provided along with a course textbook and specific web links which provide further learning material.

#### Assessment

The qualification is assessed by each candidate sitting two 2½ hour written examination papers.

\*Applications will be considered on an individual basis.

### Benefits

- + **Manage projects effectively**
- + **Improve risk management**
- + **Improve knowledge of natural turfgrass**

### MODULES

Some of the subjects

- ✓ M 1 / Contract documents
- ✓ M 2 / Risk management
- ✓ M 3 / Health & safety management
- ✓ M 4 / Non-turf surface construction
- ✓ M 5 / Developments in turfgrass
- ✓ M 6 / Greenspace management

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# Qualifications

## Level 6 IOG Professional Cert in Turf Surface Consulting

### Course description

The estimated study time for the course is 180 hours, with the course lasting a maximum of 11-months from the date of enrolment.

#### Why

This is the IOG's highest level qualification and is ideal for people who have a wealth of industry experience and who wish to engage in consultancy activities to help raise the standard of grounds care throughout the industry.

#### Requirements

You must hold the minimum of a Level 4 qualification with at least 7 years relevant industry experience, or a minimum of 12 years relevant industry experience alone. Or, demonstrate that you have the skills and experience necessary.

#### Study

The course will be through distance / home study learning, with tutor support primarily by email. A detailed syllabus and course study plan is provided along with a course textbook and specific web links which provide further learning material.

#### Assessment

The qualification is assessed by each candidate submitting a written report.

### Benefits

- + **Better engage with external consultants**
- + **Provide consultancy services to others**
- + **Contribute to raising industry standards**

### MODULES

Some of the subjects

- ✓ **M 1 / Processes involved in creating a consultancy report**
- ✓ **M 2 / Investigate and create a consultancy report**

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