



# MEET A CITI NEW RECRUIT

**Name: Alec A**

**Apprenticeship: Certificate III Sports Turf Management  
Completed Citi New Recruits Program Phase II**

Eighteen-year-old Alec found his ideal career path after completing the Citi New Recruits program in March 2015.

Alec had never liked the idea of working indoors. As a soccer player and lifelong sports fan, he knew he wanted to spend his time doing hands-on work, outside in the fresh air. An apprenticeship in Sports Turf Management with the Hurstville City Council in Sydney has provided Alec the perfect career pathway to do just that.

"The Citi New Recruits Program has given me goals and a passion for what I can do in the future," Alec said.

Sports Turf Management wasn't Alec's first course of study. He had previously started a course in massage therapy, and later a Certificate III in fitness, but neither of the courses seemed quite right for

him. After completing the three-week Citi New Recruits job skills program, Alec was prepared to start an apprenticeship doing what he really wanted—working outdoors.

With Sports Turf Management, Alec has found a trade he is passionate about. He enjoys the work that goes into maintaining beautiful lawns and fairways, including various skills such as grooming trees, cutting and trimming greens, mulching, and fertilising.

At first, Alec was nervous about an apprenticeship because of his lack of prior work experience. After just one week, he began to feel more confident that he could do the job. "The Citi New Recruits program definitely helped get me started. It influenced me as to how to fit into the work site, the do's and don'ts of the workforce," he said.

Alec says that the apprenticeship has built his self-confidence and sense of responsibility, and taught him the importance of being self-motivated.

"I definitely plan to stay in the trade. I love doing it," Alec said. "My ambition is to work in big stadiums or Royal Sydney Golf Course. Now I have experience, I have hope I can go somewhere with my career in Sports Turf Management. I believe I have a future."

Alec believes it's important to find a career path that is also a passion. He has advice to others considering an apprenticeship: "Go for it if it's a goal, not just a job. Only do it if you really want it. Look to the future and enjoy your work."

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