

TRAINEE PROGRAM

PGA TRAINEE PROGRAM AND STRUCTURE

The Trainee Program is ideal for both male and female golfers who have a passion for golf and a desire to translate that passion into a career as a PGA Professional. PGA Trainees work alongside a fully qualified PGA Professional and receive practical work experience via on-the-job training at approved golf facilities nationally.

In each of the three (3) years in the Program Trainees will:

- Work full time at an approved golf facility
- Complete academic training and assessment
- Maintain a professional playing standard in regular PGA Trainee Tournaments.

Academic Subjects

Key academic areas for the program include:

- Coaching – knowledge and skills for golf coaching, leading to the highest level of coach accreditation in golf
- Game Development – strategies and skills to actively grow participation and enjoyment of the sport of golf
- Small Business – strategic and operational skills for successfully operating a business in the golf industry
- Management – skills and strategies relating to planning, organising and leading a golf club or golf organisation

These areas of study are designed to provide a well-rounded education and provide graduates with the necessary skills for a successful career within the golf industry.

Playing

Professional tournament play is an integral component of the PGA Trainee Program.

There is a wide variety of playing opportunities for Trainees including:

- Weekly Trainee matches
- Pro-Am events
- State Trainee Championships
- National Trainee events
- PGA Tour of Australia events (subjects to eligibility)

Trainees are required demonstrate competency in their professional playing standard by meeting the PGA Playing Standard within each year of the Trainee Program..

Assessments

Assessments are conducted in a flexible learning environments with online, practical and third-party methods included in the program.

Within the program Trainees undertake a combination of both nationally accredited training towards nationally recognised qualifications and golf specific industry training towards successfully becoming a PGA Professional.

A full list of the units of competency undertaken during each stage of training associated with national vocational qualification is available at www.pga.org.au/education/academy/trainee-program.

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QUALIFICATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Upon successful completion of all elements of the PGA Trainee Program graduates are eligible to receive:

Nationally Recognised Qualifications:

- SIS30613 Certificate III in Sport Career Orientated Participation
- BSB42518 Certificate IV in Small Business Management
- SIS50512 Diploma of Sport Coaching

Qualifications and Statements of Attainments will be issued as per qualification requirements and in line with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTO's) 2015.

Accreditations:

- Professional Golf Coach Accreditation – Recognised by Sport Australia
- TrackMan Level 1 and Level 2 Professional
- MyGolf Accreditation

Professional Membership:

- Full Membership (Vocational) of the PGA of Australia

Job Outcomes for Full PGA Members (Vocational)

A Full PGA Member (Vocational) is an individual who has undertaken the Trainee Program and acquired knowledge and expertise in all facets of the golf industry to gain membership to the PGA of Australia.

Only Full PGA Members (Vocational) can be recognised as Professional Golf Coaches in Australia.

Employment opportunities for graduates from the Trainee Program to Full PGA Membership can include:

- Head Professional or Director of Golf
- Assistant Professional
- Golf Operations Manager or Golf Operations Assistant
- Teaching Professional
- Tournament Professional
- Development Officer
- Company Sales or Technical Representative
- Golf Club Manager

Applicants will be required to contact the PGA Academy during the application period 1st July – 30th September to request an application form and submit online.

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the PGA Trainee Program applicants must:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age or have completed year 12
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident with the ability to work unrestricted for the duration of the program
- Have a Golf Australia handicap at the time of entry of three (3) or better for males and six (6) or better for females
- Undertake the designated PGA playing test in their nominated state
- Undertake the designated Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) test assessment

- Attend an interview with representatives of their corresponding PGA State Division or the PGA Academy and provide evidence in support of their application

ENQUIRIES

Telephone: (03) 8320 1935
Email: academy@pga.org.au
Web: www.pga.org.au/education

PGA Education Prospectus can be found at <https://www.pga.org.au/education/academy/trainee-program>

