

# Quality Standards for Accredited Turfgrass



## **Quality Grades for Accredited Turfgrass.**

These grades must be used by Turf Queensland Accredited Turfgrass Producers.

Premium Turf

Commercial Turf

Non Conforming Turf

## **Labelling**

Every shipment of turfgrass shall be accompanied by an invoice/delivery docket indicating the variety, species and quality grade of the shipment. All delivery dockets to leave premises must be stamped with stamp supplied and signed and dated by nominated employee/s stating grade of accredited turfgrass supplied.

## **Time Limitations**

In all of the categories below the turfgrass shall be harvested, delivered and installed/transplanted within a period of 24 hours, unless a suitable preservation method is approved prior to delivery.

The following standards apply to the turfgrass product at the time of delivery.

There are two grades of turf under the quality standards: Premium Turf and Commercial Turf. If turf supplied does not comply with either of these standards it is to be labelled as Non Conforming.

## **Premium Turf**

1. Turfgrass shall contain only the species and variety of turfgrass shown on the invoice/delivery docket at the time of shipping to the customer.

2. No weeds or undesirable grasses.

3. It may have no visible signs of disease or insect stress.

4. Neatly mowed to a height that is intended for the purpose and turf variety – uniformity in mowing.

5. Mature enough so that the turfgrass can be picked up and handled without damage.

6. Be of consistent colour and hue that indicates healthy turfgrass for the species and relevant to the season.

7. Moisture level that is neither too wet nor dry that will affect survivability once laid.

8. Soil depth not exceeding 15mm with a minimum depth of soil to provide coverage to 70% of the cut turf grass root area. Individual pieces not to vary more than + or - 6mm.

9. Measurement for thickness shall exclude top growth and thatch. Thatch layer not exceeding 25mm.

10. Individual pieces of turfgrass shall be cut to the suppliers' standard width. Maximum allowable deviation from suppliers' standard widths shall be plus or minus 15mm.

11. Broken slabs and torn or uneven ends will not be acceptable.

## **Commercial Turf**

1. Turfgrass may have no living visible broadleaf weeds when viewed from a standing position.

2. Turf shall be visibly consistent, with no obvious patches of undesirable grasses. In no case may the total amount of undesirable grasses or weeds exceed two (2) percent of the total turf supplied.

3. Turfgrass to be neatly mowed and be of uniformity in height.

4. Mature enough so that the turfgrass can be picked up and handled without damage.

5. Maximum allowable deviation from supplier's standard widths shall be plus or minus 15mm.

6. Thatch layer not exceeding 30mm.

7. Moisture level that is neither too wet nor dry that will affect survivability once laid.

8. Soil depth not exceeding 15mm with a minimum depth of soil to provide coverage to 50% of the cut turfgrass root area.

9. Be of consistent colour in relation to the variety being supplied and season.

## **Non Conforming Turf**

This grade of turf does not comply with either Premium or Commercial grades described above.