

CAREER FACT SHEET

Earthmoving Plant Operators

Snapshot

Earthmoving Plant Operators operate plant to excavate earth, ore and rock, break up pavement, road, rock and obstructions, move and load earth, rock and debris, and level, smooth and compact surfaces in construction and other projects.

How many are employed in this occupation?	56,300
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,625
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Medium
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Relatively Steady

Main employing industries

Construction; Mining; Public Administration and Safety; Manufacturing

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- preparing and positioning plant for operation
- selecting, fitting and removing attachments such as buckets, winches, loading scoops, shovel blades and rock breaking hammers
- operating controls to excavate, break, drill, level, compact, gouge out, move, load and spread earth, rock, rubble, soil and other materials
- monitoring operation of plant and adjusting controls to regulate pressure, speed and flow of operation, and ensuring safety of other workers
- raising, lowering and manipulating attachments using manual and hydraulic controls
- working from drawings, markers and verbal instructions
- servicing, lubricating, cleaning and refuelling plant and performing minor adjustments and repairs

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Construction

Do you think you would like to design, build, maintain or renovate properties? What about working as an engineer or crane operator on a major construction site? Perhaps you fancy the idea of becoming a trade professional, such as a cabinetmaker or stonemason? If these occupations grab your attention, then you should explore the career pathways available within the Construction industry.

The Construction industry is divided into eight sectors: Residential Building; Non-Residential Building; Heavy and Civil Engineering; Land Development and Site Preparation Services; Building Structure Services; Building Installation Services ; Building Completion Services ; and Other Construction Services . Therefore the Construction industry offers many opportunities to get skilled via many different trade and technical vocational pathways.

Employment growth across the sector has recently been very strong, driven by the housing and commercial needs of an expanding population and investment in private and public infrastructure.

Employment in the Construction industry has increased by 42.5 per cent (over a ten year period) making it the third-largest growth industry in Australia for this period. This makes it an exciting time to join this industry! There are many skilled occupations to choose from: bricklayers, stonemasons, carpenters & joiners, cabinetmakers and painters to name a few. And you can build on these qualifications to attain supervisory, management qualifications or business credentials. Perhaps paving the way for you to own your own business.



Construction

Possible job pathways

- Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics
- Architectural, Building & Surveying Technicians
- Bricklayers and Stonemasons
- Building and Plumbing Labourers
- Cabinetmakers
- Carpenters and Joiners
- Civil Engineering Professionals
- Concreters
- Construction Managers
- Crane, Hoist and Lift Operators
- Earthmoving Plant Operators
- Electrical Distribution Trades Workers
- Electricians
- Gardeners
- Glaziers
- Insulation and Home Improvement Installers
- Painting Trades Workers
- Paving and Surfacing Labourers
- Plasterers
- Plumbers
- Roof Tilers
- Structural Steel Construction Workers
- Wall and Floor Tilers

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