

CAREER FACT SHEET

Landscape Gardeners

Snapshot

Gardeners plant, cultivate, maintain, plan and construct parks, gardens and landscapes, and inspect, diagnose and treat trees and shrubs.

How many are employed in this occupation?	20,000
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$892
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?	Strong Growth

Main employing industries

Construction; Administrative and Support Services; Arts and Recreation Services; Public Administration and Safety

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- preparing and maintaining seedbeds and growing sites
- propagating and planting trees, bushes, hedges, flowers and bulbs
- preparing lawn areas by spreading top soil and planting grass, and by laying instant turf
- maintaining planted and grassed areas by weeding, trimming, fertilising, watering and mowing
- pruning trees and hedges, and installing plant support and protection devices
- preparing plans and drawings, selecting materials and plants, and scheduling landscape construction
- setting out and installing hardscape and softscape structures
- constructing gravel and paved areas, walls, fences, pergolas, ponds, barbecues and garden furniture
- examining trees to assess their condition and determine treatment
- lopping limbs off trees and shaping branches using chain and handsaws
- spraying and dusting plants and trees to control insects and disease, and felling diseased trees.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

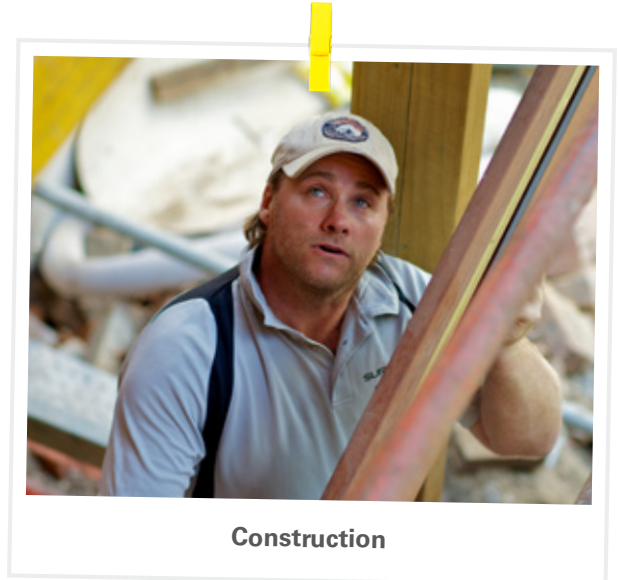
Construction

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.



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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