

CAREER FACT SHEET

Veterinarians

Snapshot

Veterinarians diagnose, treat and prevent animal diseases, ailments and injuries

How many are employed in this occupation?	13,500
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,446
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Below Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Low
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Very Strong Growth

Main employing industries

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- treating animals medically and surgically, and administering and prescribing drugs, analgesics, and general and local anaesthetics
- determining the presence and nature of abnormal conditions by physical examination, laboratory testing and through diagnostic imaging techniques including radiography and ultrasound
- performing surgery, dressing wounds and setting broken bones
- rendering obstetric services to animals
- participating in programs designed to prevent the occurrence and spread of animal diseases
- inoculating animals against, and testing for, infectious diseases and notifying authorities of outbreaks of infectious animal diseases
- performing autopsies to determine cause of death
- advising clients on health, nutrition and feeding, hygiene, breeding and care of animals
- may provide professional services to commercial firms producing biological and pharmaceutical products
- may specialise in the treatment of a particular animal group or in a particular specialty area such as cardiology, chiropractic, dermatology or critical care

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

If you aspire to hold a highly responsible, skilled, professional position then you should explore the possibilities to be found in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services Industry. This diverse industry primarily supports other services by providing a range of specialist, formal skills. However, you don't need to jump right into becoming a fully certified Accountant or Solicitor straight away. Many successful employees in these occupations worked their way up to becoming fully qualified; combining work experience in support roles with on-the-job training to gain a thorough understanding and skills base for their chosen profession. Legal and Accounting Services as well as Computer System Design are some of the fields in this sector predicted to have strong job prospects.

Possible job pathways

- Barristers
- Architects and Landscape Architects
- Accounting Clerks
- Auditors and Company Secretaries
- Bookkeepers
- Economists
- Finance Managers
- Financial Investment Advisers and Managers
- Actuaries, Mathematicians and Statisticians
- Conveyancers and Legal Executives
- Court and Legal Clerks
- Human Resource Managers
- Office Managers
- Solicitors
- Cartographers and Surveyors
- Construction Managers
- Computer Network Professionals
- ICT Managers
- ICT Support Technicians
- Software and Applications Programmers
- Telecommunications Engineering Professionals
- Civil Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians
- Civil Engineering Professionals
- Electrical Engineers
- Engineering Managers
- Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers
- Mining Engineers
- Mechanical Engineering Draftspersons, Technicians
- Science Technicians
- Marine Transport Professionals
- Veterinarians
- Artistic Directors, Media Producers & Presenters
- Photographers
- Public Relations Professionals
- Environmental Scientists
- Life Scientists
- Interior Designers
- Multimedia Specialists and Web Developers



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