

Construction



QUALIFICATIONS

Completion of Year 10
Certificate I or II
May include an Australian Apprenticeship
39% of the workforce has no post school qualification or other qualification

SKILLS

Enjoy practical and manual tasks
Enjoy working outdoors
Able to:
- follow precise instructions
- work as part of a team and without direct supervision
- cope with physical demands of the job
- read and understand safety instructions

JOBS

Builder's labourer
Civil construction worker
Concreter | Crane operator
Construction worker
Dogger | Fencer
Driller's assistant
Home improvement installer
Mobile plant operator
Rigger | Scaffolder | Steelfixer

Entry level

"I like fixing things, always have, I was always pulling things apart when I was young."

Luke, Apprentice



Vocational qualifications and trades

"I like the different locations for work, different types of jobs, opportunities and no two days are the same"

Steve, Construction

QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate III through to Advanced Diploma
May include an Australian Apprenticeship
Study undertaken at TAFE or Registered Training Organisation
Some universities offer study at this level
52% of the workforce has a Certificate III qualification or higher

SKILLS

Enjoy practical & outdoor work
Good hand-eye coordination
Able to:
- work at heights
- perform technical activities
- interpret & follow plans
- calculate & measure accurately
Good communication & interpersonal skills
Good planning, organisational, management & leadership skills
Use of technology

JOBS

Architectural draftsman
Bricklayer | Building contractor
Building surveyor
Cabinetmaker | Carpenter
Civil construction worker
Floor finisher | Gasfitter
Glazier | Joiner
Painting trades worker
Plasterer | Plumber
Stonemason | Tiler

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor degree or higher
Study usually undertaken at university
9% of the workforce has a Bachelor degree or higher qualification

SKILLS

Specialist skills | Creativity
Analyse and solve problems logically
Enjoy technical work
High level communication skills
Management & leadership skills
Attention to detail
Excellent written and numeric skills
Work effectively with people
Capable use of technology

JOBS

Architect | Building surveyor
Civil engineer | Draftsperson
Civil engineering technologist
Construction manager
Landscape architect
Mechanical engineer
Naval architect
Quantity surveyor
Safety inspector | Surveyor
Urban and regional planner

Degree qualified and managerial

"There is always new equipment and technology coming online that help change work practices and efficiency, plus we have some great staff that I enjoy working with."

Piers, Section Leader



\$65,000

Annual median salary



85.1%

of workers are full time



88.4%

of workers are male – which means great opportunities for females



Industry prospects

Employment opportunities are projected for building construction, construction services, heavy and civil engineering construction



Average weekly hours

42



3rd

largest industry in Australia



50,000+

apprentices are employed/trained each year Australia wide

17% of workforce is aged from 15 to 24

Construction on the Mid North Coast

- Busy all year
- Looking to employ 15 to 24 year olds
- Apprenticeships available
- Businesses often recruit from within the sector or by word of mouth
- Full time work opportunities are good once qualified / skilled
- Good business confidence for the next 5 years
- In addition to industry specific skill needs, management, administration, general labouring and digital literacy skills are also important
- Communication, teamwork, problem solving, planning and organising and technology skills are all important

Useful links

- www.myfuture.edu.au
- www.constructmycareer.com.au
- www.masterbuilders.com.au
- www.gtana.com.au
- www.training.nsw.gov.au
- www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au
- www.skillsroad.com.au
- www.skillsone.com.au
- www.fya.org.au