Sportspersons participate in sporting events for monetary gain either as individuals or as members of a team.

**Job title examples**
- Footballer
- Golfer
- Jockey
- Lifeguard
- Athlete
- Surfer

**Other jobs in this field of work**

**What sportspersons do**
- maintain a high degree of expertise in a particular sport
- attend regular practice sessions and undertake private training to maintain the required standard of fitness
- decide on strategies in consultation with coaches
- assess other competitors and conditions at venues
- compete in sporting events
- adhere to the rules and regulations associated with a specific sport
- promote water safety awareness and undertake rescue of persons in difficulty in the water
- undertake sports promotional activities and television appearances

**Main employing industries**
- Arts and recreation services

**Qualifications**

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

- **Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)** available as an apprenticeship or qualification
- **Certificate III in Sport Career Oriented Participation** available as a traineeship or qualification

**Course fees**: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the **Course Finder** to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.
Job prospects

- There are around 6,331 sportspersons working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Related jobs

- Sports coaches, instructor and official
- Fitness instructor
- Outdoor adventure guide

To find out more about other jobs, visit the Job Guides Homepage.

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0
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