Kitchenhands assist kitchen and service staff in preparing and serving food, and clean food preparation and service areas.

### Job title examples
- Kitchenhand
- Catering assistant

### Other jobs in this field of work

### What kitchenhands do
- clean kitchens, food preparation areas and sculleries
- clean cooking and general utensils used in kitchens and restaurants
- transfer, weigh and check supplies and equipment
- assemble and prepare ingredients for cooking, and prepare salads, savouries and sandwiches
- pack food and beverage trays for serving
- cook, toast and heat simple food items

### Main employing industries
- Health care and social assistance
- Accommodation and food services

### Qualifications
The following government subsidised qualification is available in NSW:

**Certificate II in Kitchen Operations** 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 and pay
- There are around 36,133 kitchenhands working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.
Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Kitchenhands: $875
- All occupations: $1,200

Related jobs

- Food trades assistant
- Fast food cook
- Cook

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
Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16
Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23