

Production Manager

Production managers plan, organise, direct, control and coordinate the production activities of forestry, manufacturing and mining organisations including physical and human resources.

Job title examples



- Production Manager

Other jobs in this field of work

What production managers do



- determine, implement and monitor production strategies, policies and plans
- plan details of production activities in terms of output quality and quantity, cost, time available and labour requirements
- control the operations of production plant and quality control procedures through planning of maintenance, designation of operating hours and supply of parts and tools
- monitor production output and costs, and adjust processes and resources to minimise costs
- inform other managers about production matters
- oversee the acquisition and installation of new plant and equipment
- direct research into production methods, and recommend and implement initiatives
- control the preparation of production records and reports
- coordinate the implementation of occupational health and safety requirements
- direct staff activities and monitor their performance

Main employing industries



- Manufacturing
- Mining

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate IV in Food Processing available as a traineeship or qualification

Diploma of Underground Coal Mining Management available as a traineeship or qualification

Advanced Diploma of Surface Coal Mining Management 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 16,320 production managers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to grow in NSW.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Production managers: \$1,390
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Supply and distribution manager

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Information sources

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

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

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

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014