

Food and Drink Factory Worker

Food and drink factory workers perform routine tasks in manufacturing food and beverages.

Job title examples



- Baking Factory Worker
- Brewery Worker
- Confectionery Maker
- Dairy Products Maker
- Fruit and Vegetable Factory Worker
- Grain Mill Worker
- Sugar Mill Worker
- Winery Cellar Hand

Other jobs in this field of work

What food and drink factory workers do



- weigh, measure, mix, dissolve and boil ingredients
- add materials, such as spices and preservatives, to food and beverages
- operate heating, chilling, freezing, pasteurising, carbonating, sulphuring and desulphuring plant
- monitor product quality before packaging by inspecting, taking samples and adjusting treatment conditions when necessary
- operate machines to peel, core, slice, dice, pit and juice fruit and vegetables
- clean equipment, pumps, hoses, storage tanks, vessels and floors, and maintain infestation control programs
- regulate speed of conveyors and crusher rollers, and adjust tension of rollers to ensure total extraction of juice from sugar cane
- move products from production lines into storage and shipping areas
- package and bottle products

Main employing industries



- Manufacturing

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate II in Food Processing available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Food Processing available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Wine Industry Operations available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Flour Milling 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 6,435 food and drink factory workers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to remain stable in NSW.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Food and drink factory workers: \$1,000
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Meat boners and slicers, and slaughterer
- Meat, poultry and seafood process worker

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

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