

Commercial Cleaners

Commercial cleaners clean offices, residential complexes, hospitals, schools, industrial work areas, industrial machines, construction sites and other commercial premises using heavy duty cleaning equipment.

Job title examples



- Commercial Cleaner
- Cleaner
- Carpet cleaner
- Hospital cleaner – undertakes sterilisation and antiseptic protocols and procedures
- Industrial cleaner – may remove excess rubble and building materials, clean industrial equipment or use heavy duty cleaning equipment
- Steam, pressure and chemical cleaner – uses heavy duty cleaning equipment or chemicals
- Window cleaner

Other jobs in this field of work

What commercial cleaners do



- vacuum carpets, curtains and upholstered furniture
- clean, dust and polish furniture, fixtures and fittings
- remove rubbish and recyclable material, and empty containers, bins and trays
- strip wax from floors, re-wax and polish floors
- clean and disinfect laundry and bathroom fixtures, replenish supplies and report defective plumbing fixtures
- operate industrial vacuum cleaners to clean floors, work areas and machines
- remove dust and dirt from ceilings, walls, overhead pipes and fixtures
- apply acids and solvents to surfaces to remove stains and dirt
- remove lint, dust, soot, oil, grease, sludge and other residues from machines, hulls and holds of ships, and interiors and exteriors of furnaces, boilers and tanks
- may clean exteriors of buildings by sand-blasting and applying solvents

Main employing industries



- Health care and social assistance
- Administrative and support services
- Education and training
- Accommodation and food services

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate II in Cleaning Operations available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Cleaning 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 46,548 commercial cleaners 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):

- Commercial cleaners: \$800
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Laundry workers
- Car detailers
- Housekeepers

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