Gallery, museum and tour guides direct and guide visitors in galleries and museums, and escort visitors on sightseeing, educational and other tours.

**Job title examples**

- Gallery or Museum Guide
- Gallery or Museum Attendant
- Tour Guide / Tour Escort / Tour Leader

**Other jobs in this field of work**

**What gallery, museum and tour guides do**

- meet and greet visitors
- control visitors' access to exhibits
- ensure safety of collections
- maintain attendance records
- plan and rearrange schedules and itineraries
- plan, organise and conduct tours
- arrange transportation and accommodation for visitors following planned itineraries
- arrange entry to places of interest
- answer questions, provide commentaries, issue brochures and tour literature, show audiovisual presentations, and explain features and procedures at tour sites
- may assist with installing and dismantling exhibits

**Main employing industries**

- Administrative and support services
- Arts and recreation services

**Qualifications**

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate III in Guiding available as a traineeship or qualification
Certificate IV in Guiding 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 3,018 gallery, museum and tour guides 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):

- Gallery, museum and tour guides: $1,112
- All occupations: $1,200

Related jobs

- Tourism and travel adviser

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