

Garden and Nursery Labourer

Garden and nursery labourers perform a variety of routine tasks in propagating, cultivating and maintaining plants in gardens and horticultural nurseries.

Job title examples



- Garden Labourer
- Horticultural Nursery Assistant / Nursery Hand
- Parks Maintenance Labourer
- Parks and Gardens Labourer

Other jobs in this field of work

What garden and nursery labourers do



- load, unload and move garden supplies and equipment
- prepare garden sites and plots using hand tools and machines
- assist with planting and transplanting flowers, shrubs, trees and lawns
- maintain gardens by watering, weeding and mowing lawns
- clean gardens and remove rubbish
- assist with propagating, planting and potting seeds, bulbs and cuttings
- tend plants by hand watering and weeding
- adjust mist irrigation systems, shade and ventilation
- harvest and package plants for sale and transport

Main employing industries



- Administrative and support services (e.g. gardening services)
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate II in Horticulture available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate II in Arboriculture available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate II in Parks and Gardens available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate II in Production Nursery available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate II in Sports Turf Management available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate II in Landscaping 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 10,580 garden and nursery labourers 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):

- Garden and nursery labourers: \$792
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Aquaculture workers
- Crop farm workers
- Forestry and logging worker
- Livestock farm worker
- Mixed crop and livestock farm 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