

Inspector and Regulatory Officer

Inspectors and regulatory officers administer and enforce government and corporate regulations and standards.

Job title examples

- Customs Officer/Customs Inspector
- Immigration Officer
- Motor Vehicle Licence Examiner
- Noxious Weeds and Pest Inspector/
Biosecurity Officer (Weeds and Pests)
- Social Security Assessor
- Taxation Inspector
- Train Examiner
- Operations Inspector
- Water Inspector
- Parking Inspector/Officer
- Compliance Officer
- Ranger (Local Council)
- Animal Management Officer

Other jobs in this field of work

What inspectors and regulatory officers do

- many different tasks and activities across a wide range of industries
- search aircraft, vehicles, premises and people, and check documents and goods to detect illegal activities such as undocumented cargo, prohibited goods and illegal aliens
- examine and assess visas and residency applications
- test applicants' ability to operate a motor vehicle, assess applicants' suitability to hold learner's permits and probationary licences, and issue learner's permits and probationary licences
- identify pest and weed problems and determine treatments and management
- assess claims for government benefits
- carry out random checks of taxation documents to detect non-compliance with taxation legislation
- conduct visual checks of the mechanical, structural, electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic systems of railway wagons, carriages and locomotives for condition and correct classification
- ensure that train, tram and bus services are provided according to schedule, monitor the cleanliness, presentation and condition of vehicles, and recommend improvements and changes to services
- receive and assess applications for licences to use water, investigate the ability of water resources to meet new requirements, and conduct site inspections

Main employing industries



- Public Administration (e.g. government departments, local councils)

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate II in Aviation Transport Protection (Passenger and Non-Passenger Screener) available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Government Investigations available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Local Government (Regulatory Services) available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Rail Safety Management available as a traineeship or qualification

Apprenticeships and traineeships: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

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 9,737 inspectors and regulatory officers 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):

- Inspectors and regulatory officers: \$1,290
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Safety Inspector

To find out more regarding these related 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