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  
- 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  