

Firefighter – Fire & Rescue NSW

Average salary: \$ 1207.15 – 1742.28 per week

Career trend: e.g. strong growth

Job description

Firefighters play a vital role in making Australia a safer place to live. You'll use your understanding of human nature and commitment to others to Respond to emergency incidents; and contribute to risk management activities to prevent and minimise the impact of incidents on lives, property and the environment.

What firefighters do

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is one of the world's largest urban fire and rescue services and is the busiest in Australia. Our overriding purpose is to enhance community safety, quality of life, and confidence by minimising the impact of hazards and emergency incidents on the people, property, environment and on the economy of NSW. Our capabilities extend far beyond fighting fires. FRNSW firefighters are among the most highly trained in the world. Our teams provide fire prevention, they respond to hazardous materials incidents, natural disasters and medical emergencies. Our teams also undertake counter terrorism and urban search and rescue operations. We are prepared for anything – helping anyone, anywhere, anytime.

You'll like this job if...

You're confident. You're thorough and precise. You're a problem solver. You're comfortable following the rules. You're an active listener. You work with integrity. You take initiative, ownership and accountability and show resilience.

- The Firefighter operates in dangerous, time critical situations where lives, property & the environment may be at risk
- Firefighting can be physically and psychologically demanding, especially during protracted incidents



Will I get a job?

- Strong growth in this occupation is predicted.

What will I earn?

- \$1207.15 – 1742.28 per week full-time weekly salary (before tax, excluding super).
- This role is predominately offered as a [permanent position].

Roles to look for

- Fire fighter
- Retained firefighter

A day in the life...

Work as a firefighter may involve these tasks:

- Attend fire and other emergency incidents providing expert knowledge and assistance commensurate with rank
- Contribute to the Station's operational readiness; including the maintenance of appliances, tools and equipment
- Contribute to the Station's planning and prevention activities to mitigate risks
- Support community safety and engagement; carrying out inspections and presenting and providing safety advice
- Assist with investigations into the cause of fires
- Undertake station duties including the completion of records, reports, correspondence and returns to facilitate the general running of the station
- The Firefighter adheres to legislation, directions, rules, policies, protocols and standards

VET qualifications

Successful completion of the following units of competency assessments, training and development as determined by FRNSW can lead to a Recruit firefighter.

PUA20613 - Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations)

PUAFIR215	Prevent injury
PUAEQU001B	Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
PUAFIR207B	Operate breathing apparatus open circuit
PUAFIR203B	Respond to urban fire
PUAOPE013A	Operate communication systems and equipment
PUATEA001B	Work in a team
PUASAR022A	Participate in a rescue operation
HLTFA211A	Provide basic emergency life support
PUAOHS001C	Follow defined OHS policy and procedures
PUASAR023A	Participate in an urban search and rescue Cat 1
PUAFIR204B	Respond to bushfire
HLTFA311A	Apply first aid
HLTFA404C	Apply advanced resuscitation techniques
DEFWHS010	Identify confined space
DEFWHS011	Enter confined space
MSMWHS217	Gas test atmospheres
PUAOHS002B	Maintain safety at an incident scene

Main employing industries

- Public administration and safety organisations

Other jobs you may like...

- Firefighter
- Retained Firefighter

Successful completion of the following additional units of competency assessments, training and development can lead a Recruit Firefighter to the level of Qualified Firefighter as determined by FRNSW.

PUALAW001B	Protect and preserve incident scene
PUACOM001C	Communicate in the workplace
PUACOM005B	Foster a positive organisational image in the community
PUATEA004D	Work effectively in a public safety organisation
PUAFIR302B	Suppress urban fire
PUAFIR303B	Suppress wildfire

Licences, certifications and authorities are provided as part of the initial and ongoing training provided by Fire and Rescue NSW.

Capabilities

The NSW Public Sector Capability Framework applies to all NSW public sector employees. The Capability Framework is available at www.psc.nsw.gov.au/capabilityframework

Occupation Specific Capabilities apply as determined by FRNSW.

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Information sources Income: Australian Government Department of Employment, Australian Jobs Report 2017, Occupation Matrix. ANZSCO ID: 441212. Earnings can vary greatly depending on the skills and experience of the worker, and the demands of the role. Job prospects: Australian Government Department of Employment 2017 employment projections to May 2022. Graduate outcomes: National Centre for Vocational Education Research. *Approximately 6 months after they completed VET.

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