Laundry workers sort, clean, fold, iron and package linen, clothing and other items in laundries, drycleaning establishments and private residences.

**Job title examples**

- Laundry Assistant
- Laundry Attendant

**Other jobs in this field of work**

**What laundry workers do**

- sort articles for cleaning according to the type, colour, fabric and cleaning treatment required
- place sorted articles into receptacles and onto conveyor belts for moving to repair and cleaning areas
- check and remove stains from garments, and replace buttons and make minor repairs
- load and unload washing machines, driers and extractors
- add cleaning agents and starches to articles
- smooth articles and guide them through cleaning and pressing machines
- stop and start machines to untangle, straighten and remove articles
- iron and press clean articles
- place articles on shelves and hang articles for delivery and collection
- package articles and prepare orders for despatch

**Main employing industries**

- Health care and social assistance
- Other services (e.g. laundry/drycleaning)

**Qualifications**

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

- **Certificate III in Laundry Operations** available as a traineeship or qualification
- **Certificate III in Dry Cleaning Operations** 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 3,519 laundry workers 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):
- Laundry workers: $713
- All occupations: $1,200

Related jobs

- Commercial cleaner
- Car detailer
- Housekeeper

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