

Photographer

Photographers operate still cameras to take photographs.

Job title examples



- Photographer
- Photojournalist

Other jobs in this field of work

What photographers do



- consult with clients to determine objectives of photographic assignments
- study the requirements of the assignment and select type of camera, film, filter and lighting
- work from a studio, and transport and set up equipment at assigned locations
- measure light levels and determine exposure
- adjust camera angles, aperture settings and subjects to achieve desired composition
- adjust lighting and filters to accentuate highlights and colours
- mix photographic chemicals, process film and develop prints
- manipulate images using digital imaging techniques and creative darkroom techniques such as adjusting exposure and development times
- may make enlarged prints, and mount and frame prints

Main employing industries



- Professional, scientific and technical services (e.g. photography services)

Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate IV in Photography and Photo Imaging available as a traineeship or qualification

Diploma of Photography and Photo Imaging available as a 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



- There are around 3,877 photographers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Related jobs



- Visual arts and crafts professional
- Film, television, radio and stage director
- Artistic director, media producer or presenter
- Graphic and web designer, and illustrator

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