

# Commercial cleaner

Average salary: \$55,000

Career trend: growing

## Job description

Commercial cleaners clean a wide variety of commercial premises using heavy duty cleaning equipment to keep those premises hygienic and looking their best.

## What commercial cleaners do

Individuals and businesses contract commercial cleaners to clean offices, shops, schools, hospitals, gyms, restaurants, industrial work areas, residential complexes, schools and construction sites.

Commercial cleaners wash, dust, vacuum, polish, and tidy the spaces people work and live in to ensure they're clean and fit for use.

While they repeat a routine each day to ensure they've produced a clean facility, no two days are the same. Commercial cleaners operate in varying conditions, often working with new products and materials while dealing with inclement weather and unexpected accidents and spills.

Working without supervision, they identify which products are best for a certain surface type and are always thinking of ways to improve efficiency.

## You'll like this job if...

You're a problem solver. You can read plans and follow instructions. You have strong attention to detail. You're physically fit. You're good with your hands. You like working alone. You prefer a deliberate pace and enjoy focusing on one task at a time. You're sensitive and cooperative.

## Will I get a job?

- Slight growth in this very large employment area is predicted, with 3,500 new jobs in Australia in the next four years, bringing the total to 145,800.

## What will I earn?

- Up to \$950 median full-time weekly salary (before tax, excluding super).

## Roles to look for

- Commercial cleaner
- Cleaner
- Carpet cleaner
- Hospital cleaner
- Industrial cleaner
- Steam, pressure and chemical cleaner
- Window cleaner

## A day in the life...

Work as a commercial cleaner may involve these tasks:

- vacuum carpets, curtains and upholstered furniture
- clean, dust and polish furniture, fixtures and fittings
- remove rubbish and recyclable material
- empty containers, bins and trays
- strip wax from floors, re-wax and polish floors
- clean and disinfect laundry and bathroom fixtures, replenish supplies and report defective plumbing fixtures
- operate industrial vacuum cleaners to clean floors, work areas and machines
- remove dust and dirt from ceilings, walls, overhead pipes, and fixtures
- apply acids and solvents to surfaces to remove stains and dirt
- remove lint, dust, soot, oil, grease, sludge, and other residues from machines, hulls and holds of ships and interiors and exteriors of furnaces, boilers and tanks
- clean exteriors of buildings by sandblasting and applying solvents.

## VET qualifications

The following government-subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

### Certificate II in Cleaning (CPP20617)

- Up to 1 year full-time
- Available as a traineeship
- Graduates employed or in further study: 86.2%\*

### Certificate III in Cleaning Operations (CPP30316)

- Up to 2 years full-time
- Available as a traineeship
- Graduates employed or in further study: 75.9%\*

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## Main employing industries

- Healthcare and social assistance
- Administrative and support services
- Education and training
- Accommodation and food services

## Other jobs you may like...

- Laundry worker
- Car detailer
- Housekeeper

**Information sources** Income: Australian Government Department of Employment, Australian Jobs Report 2017, Occupation Matrix. ANZSCO ID: 2211. 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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