

# Building and Plumbing Labourers

Building and plumbing labourers perform a variety of routine tasks associated with erecting and repairing structures and facilities, maintaining stormwater, drainage and sewerage systems, excavating earth and clearing and levelling sites, and installing and maintaining piping systems, fixtures and water regulators.

## Job title examples

- Builder's labourer / Construction worker
- Drainage, sewerage and stormwater labourer
- Earthmoving labourer
- Plumber's assistant

## Other jobs in this field of work

## What Building and Plumbing Labourers do

- load and unload building and construction materials, tools and equipment and transport them around building sites
- erect and dismantle temporary structures such as barricades and scaffolding
- mix, pour and spread materials such as concrete, plaster and mortar
- clean and carry out minor repairs on stormwater drains and canals, and check for cracks and leaks in sewerage systems
- dig holes and shovel excavated material onto conveyors, wheelbarrows and trucks for removal
- spread and level soil, gravel and sand on roads and driveways, trench bottoms and similar locations
- assist with assembling and installing piping, valves and fittings
- assist with installing fixtures such as toilets, wash basins and sprinkler systems

## Main employing industries

- Construction

## Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

**Certificate II in Construction** available as a traineeship or qualification

**Certificate II in Construction Pathways** 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 20,118 Building and Plumbing Labourers 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):

- Building and Plumbing Labourers: \$1,200
- All occupations: \$1,200

## Related jobs



- Concreter
- Insulation and home improvement installer
- Railway track worker
- Structural steel construction worker

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](http://joboutlook.gov.au), based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014