Wall and floor tilers lay ceramic, clay, slate, marble and glass tiles on external and internal walls and floors to provide protective and decorative finishes.

**Job title examples**
- Wall and Floor Tiler

**What wall and floor tilers do**
- examine plans, measure and mark surfaces and lay out work
- prepare wall and floor surfaces by removing old tiles, grout and adhesive, filling holes and cracks, and cleaning surfaces
- spread adhesive onto prepared surfaces and tiles, and set tiles in position
- use tile-cutting tools to cut and shape tiles needed for edges and corners, and around objects such as fittings and pipes
- ensure tiles are correctly aligned and spaced
- grout tiles, and clean and remove excess grout
- apply waterproofing systems
- may lay floors of granolithic, terrazzo, cement or similar composition
- may lay coloured tiles in patterns to create mosaics

**Main employing industries**
- Construction

**Qualifications**

The following government subsidised qualification is available in NSW:

**Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling** available as an apprenticeship or qualification

**Apprenticeships and traineeships**: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](http://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/).
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 6,973 wall and floor tilers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.
- Employers report currently state-wide shortages of wall and floor tilers in NSW.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):
- Wall and Floor Tilers: $862
- All occupations: $1,200

Related jobs

- Glazier
- Plasterer
- Roof Tiler

To find out more regarding these related 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