

Australia's booming industries: Trades & Services

There was little time to 'down tools' in the booming Trades & Services industry last year. It was among the fastest-growing industries on SEEK with a 23.3% increase in job opportunities. The industry recorded more than 33,000 new roles year-on-year and the average advertised salary was \$64,227.

With the Federal Government [pledging a \\$75 billion](#) infrastructure investment over the next 10 years, demand for trades shows little sign of slowing down.

"Huge public infrastructure projects, such as the multi-billion-dollar metro rail tunnel projects in Sydney and Melbourne, will specifically boost the construction sector over the next eight to 10 years," says Adam Shapley, Senior Regional Director for Hays Trades & Labour.

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A look across the country:

While every state and territory recorded growth, this was primarily driven by the eastern states Queensland (7.1%), New South Wales (6.1%) and Victoria (4.6%).



The roles driving job growth:

Making the biggest contribution to the overall growth in Trades & Services were roles advertised in Automotive Trades with 4.8% growth in opportunities year-on-year. This was followed by Fitters, Turners & Machinists (3.3%) and Welders & Boilermakers (3.3%).

“Heavy Diesel Mechanics are in short supply, as are Mechanical Fitters. Boilermakers are also in demand in response to activity in the manufacturing industry,” says Shapley.

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Trending roles in Trades & Services:

Floristry saw the largest growth in applications from job seekers with 83.7% more people applying for roles in the profession year-on-year. Locksmiths and jobs in Nannies & Babysitters also saw a significant spike in popularity for job seekers with applications growing 59.7% and 42.9% respectively.

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What employers want:

If you're looking for a new role in the Trades & Services industry, Paul Unstead, General Manager at Adecco Australia says training and qualifications are important, but so is how you conduct yourself. "A well-constructed resume and all the relevant tickets, licences, training and experience will get you through the first round. A great attitude will always get you over the line."

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