

Local Government Fact Sheet Number 6

Occupational Composition of the Local Government Workforce¹

Local Government employs 195,500 workers in about 400 occupations. Some of the main occupations (and where available the number employed at 2006) are below:

- General Clerk (5,118)
- Contract, Project & Program Administrator (3,738)
- Librarian (1,938)
- Library Assistant (1,954)
- Inquiry Clerk (3,297)
- Urban and Regional Planner (3,219)
- Inspector/Regulatory Officer (2,669)
- Community Worker (2,355)
- Civil Engineer (1,817)
- Child Care Worker (2,648)
- Child Care Centre Manager (365)
- Chief Executive Officer or General Manager (565 in 2012)
- Environmental Health Officer (1,590)
- Building inspector (1,119)
- Architectural, Building and Surveying Technicians (2,120)
- Registered Nurse (879)
- Welfare Worker (207)
- Welfare support worker (2,986)
- Aged and Disabled Carers (3,574)
- Commercial cleaner (1,952)
- Electrician (403)
- Plumber (753)
- Roof plumber (6)
- Drainer (121)
- Gasfitter (82)
- Motor mechanic (957)
- Motor mechanic diesel (111)
- Welder first class (94)
- Agricultural & Horticultural Mobile Plant Operator (634)
- Earthmoving Plant Operator (1,021)
- Backhoe operator (332)
- Bulldozer Operator (60)
- Excavator Operator (134)
- Grader Operator (843)
- Loader Operator (273)
- Paving Plant Operator (14)
- Road Roller Operator (184)
- Street-Sweeper Operator (238)
- Mobile Plant Operator nfd (1,646)
- Mobile Plant Operator nec (19)
- Other Mobile Plant Operator (7)
- Truck Driver (4,159)
- Forklift driver (20)
- Line-marker (98)
- Gardener (3,555)
- Garden and Nursery Labourers (2,802)
- Labourer nfd (3,055)
- Miscellaneous Labourer (2,933)
- Paving and Surface Labourer (2,050)
- Accountant
- IT professional
- Carpenter
- Animal control officer
- Water Officers/Assistants
- Human resources staff
- Business development officer
- Rates clerk
- Art gallery or museum attendant
- Pool attendant, manager or superintendent
- Lifeguard (beach inspector)
- Road Construction Worker
- Waste collection worker
- Ranger

Local Government employment by state – selected mission critical occupations²

	Civil Engineer	Urban & Regional Planner	Environmental Health officer	Building Inspector
NSW	740	1126	508	420
Vic	419	883	308	240
Qld	447	617	393	172
SA	61	180	100	75
WA	78	334	221	176
Tas	59	69	57	36
NT	4	4	0	0
ACT	9	6	3	0
Australia	1,817	3,219	1,590	1,119

¹ ABS 2006 Census of Population and Housing (combination of customised report at the most specific 6 digit Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations level, prepared for Mervyn Carter, ACELG 10 April 2012 and more general 4 digit level data provided by Ivan Neville, Department of Employment Education and Workplace Relations 16 April 2012). The above enumerates the occupations of 70,712 local government workers. There may be some overlap between 6 digit and 4 digit occupations, but we have sought to minimise it.

² ABS Cat 6248.0 Employment and Earnings Public Sector Australia 2010-11 at <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6248.0.55.002> accessed 1 May 2012.