

# Construction Worker



**Alternate title** Builder's Labourer; Labourer (Builder's)

**Description** Construction workers assist tradespeople on building and construction sites by doing a range of manual labouring jobs.

Construction workers work with other tradespeople on building and construction sites. They mostly work outdoors.

**Typical duties**

- unload, carry and stack building materials and place tools and equipment in position;
- dig trenches for footings and services using hand tools and jackhammers if necessary to break up rock and concrete;
- place and compact filling and quarry materials;
- help to erect and dismantle scaffolding (subject to certification in some States and Territories), ramps, catwalks, barricades and warning lights;
- mix, pour and spread concrete;
- use wheelbarrows to remove rubble and rubbish from building sites;
- clean surfaces for painters.

**Personal requirements**

- physically fit;
- enjoy practical work;
- able to work as part of a team;
- able to work at a constant pace;
- like outdoor work;
- able to follow precise directions.

**Qualification** Certificate II in General Construction

**Entry pathway** These jobs generally require no specific education for entry. Practical skills are often more important than level of education. Certificate I or II training is available for some jobs.



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**Job prospects** Construction Workers are employed by building and construction firms and subcontractors. Demand fluctuates depending on the state of the building industry and availability of work in both public and private sectors.

The vacancy level for Construction Workers is very high. Vacancies arising from job changing (Construction Workers changing employers) are expected to provide 67 per cent of vacancies, compared with 32 per cent from job openings (Construction Workers leaving the occupation) and 1 per cent from new jobs.

**Specialisation** Construction workers may specialise by working with particular tradespeople as a trades assistant, such as a bricklayer's labourer or carpenter's assistant. With experience and/or further training, they may also advance to positions such as concrete workers, doggers, riggers, scaffolders or steel fixers.

**Related Jobs**

- Concreter
- Council Worker (Outdoor)
- Dogger
- Rigger
- Road Worker
- Scaffolder

**Further information**

- Big Plans [[www.bigplans.com.au/](http://www.bigplans.com.au/)]
- Be Constructive [[www.beconstructive.com.au/](http://www.beconstructive.com.au/)]