

Security Adviser



Description Security advisers advise clients on security requirements, recommend and design security specifications.

Security advisers are often 'on call' after hours and at weekends.

- Typical duties**
- carry out threat assessments on properties or companies;
 - assess existing security systems;
 - make recommendations to improve security;
 - conduct surveillance;
 - design specifications to meet security requirements;
 - check security installations to make sure they comply with regulations;
 - carry out electronic debugging or information security operations;
 - carry out internal audits or other security functions within organisations;
 - evaluate security system tenders.

- Personal requirements**
- a sound character with no criminal or other convictions that would preclude obtaining/holding a licence;
 - good communication and observation skills;
 - able to accept responsibility;
 - able to maintain control and composure in difficult situations.

- Qualification** The names of qualifications may vary from institution to institution and include:
- Diploma of Security (Risk Management)
 - Bachelor of Arts (Security)
 - Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice
 - Bachelor of Justice
 - Bachelor of Science (Security)

Entry pathway To become a security adviser, you usually have to complete a diploma or degree in security or justice. Entry to courses requires completion of HSC/VCE or equivalent with passes in English and maths. Different institutions have different subjects and cut-off scores, and some have flexible entry requirements, so contact the institution you are interested in for more information.



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People engaged in security and investigation work usually need a current driver's licence. They may also need to be registered or licensed and/or adhere to a code of practice.

Many security advisers enter the occupation after working in the Police or in the defence forces.

Job prospects Security Advisers are employed in private security firms, government departments, banks, industrial and commercial organisations and property companies which own office blocks and hotels.

Employers generally require people with a mature attitude for this occupation because of the responsibilities involved. It is a small occupation but in recent years there has been growth in the numbers of security advisers employed and this is expected to continue.

The vacancy level for Security Advisers is average. Vacancies arising from job changing (Security Advisers changing employers) are expected to provide 55 per cent of vacancies, compared with 38 per cent from job openings (Security Advisers leaving the occupation) and 7 per cent from new jobs

Related Jobs

- Electronic Equipment Technician
- Insurance Investigator
- Private Investigator
- Safety Inspector
- Security Officer
- Security System Installer

Further information

- Australian Security Industry Association Ltd [www.asial.com.au]
- National Australian Security Providers Association [www.naspa.com.au]