

Window Cleaner



Alternate title Building Window Cleaner; Cleaner (Window)

Description Window cleaners clean inside and outside window surfaces.

Window cleaners may at times be responsible for the security of the building in which they are working. This responsibility may include the holding of keys and, on departure, making sure that lights are turned off, the building is secure, and that any security breaches are reported to building owners or managers. Window cleaners often start early, travel from one location to another, and stand for most of the day. They may be employed full-time, part-time or as casual staff.

Typical duties

- clean glass surfaces by applying and removing cleaning solutions or solvents;
- assemble and dismantle ladders, scaffolding and other support equipment;
- use ladders, and other equipment (such as 'swinging scaffolds', 'bosun's chairs', 'hydraulic bucket trucks', 'cherry pickers' and hoist systems) to reach windows in multi-storey buildings;
- perform minor repairs on equipment;
- clean stone walls, metal surfaces, facias and window frames.

Personal requirements

- interested in practical work;
- methodical;
- honest and reliable;
- able to bend, stand and lift.

Qualification

- Certificate I in Asset Maintenance (Cleaning Operations)
- Certificate II in Asset Maintenance (Cleaning Operations)
- Certificate III in Asset Maintenance (Cleaning Operations)

Entry pathway You can work as a Window Cleaner without formal qualifications. However, entry to this occupation may be improved if you have qualifications. You will probably get some informal training on the job. Once you are employed, you may be able to develop, and have recognised, additional skills under the Asset Maintenance Training Package that will expand your career opportunities within this industry.



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You can also become a cleaner through a traineeship in Asset Maintenance (Cleaning Operations). Entry requirements may vary, but employers and training providers generally require Year 10. Contact your chosen institution for full details.

Job prospects Most window cleaners work for contract cleaning companies. A large number are employed on a permanent part-time or casual basis. Opportunities exist for experienced window cleaners to become supervisors and managers in some of the larger contract cleaning firms. Self-employment is also possible. It is a large occupation with average employment prospects.

Related Jobs

- Caretaker
- Cleaner
- Car Wash Attendant

Further information For further information on a career in window cleaning, try contacting cleaning businesses in your area. Your local TAFE or training provider may also be able to help you.