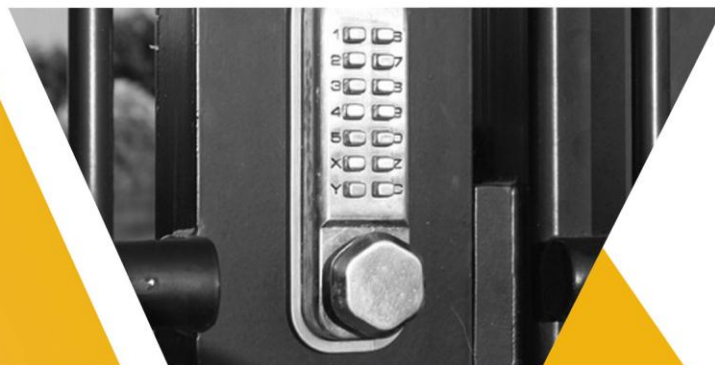


# Locksmith



- Description** Locksmiths install, sell, test and maintain locks and related security devices and systems  
Locksmiths may be required to work weekends, on-call and after hours
- Typical duties**
- sell and install high-security lock systems, key control systems, all types of mechanical locks and keyless entry locks;
  - repair, replace or adjust damaged or defective components of doors, including door closers, hinges and electronic release mechanisms;
  - change mechanical and electronic key codes;
  - design, manufacture, install and manage restricted master key systems;
  - determine customer security requirements and assess risks through discussion and on-site inspection;
  - assist clients to gain entry into premises, automotive vehicles, safes or high-security storage containers such as filing cabinets;
  - recommend appropriate security and locking systems such as safes, strong rooms, alarms, CCTV and door and window locks;
  - install, replace and maintain locking systems, alarms and access control systems;
  - test the performance of locks and security systems;
  - cut new or duplicate keys for locks and other security systems and devices.
  - keep records of specifications of installed locking systems.
- Personal requirements**
- enjoy technical work;
  - physically fit and able to lift heavy items;
  - good hand-eye coordination;
  - able to work independently or as part of a team;
  - attention to detail;
  - patience and tact when dealing with customers;
  - good vision and hearing;
  - good verbal and written communication skills.
- Qualification**
- Certificate III in Locksmithing



**Entry pathway** To become a locksmith you usually have to complete an apprenticeship in Locksmithing. Entry requirements may vary but employers usually require Year 10. Ask your career adviser about the possibility of starting some of this training in school.

In Qld, NSW, Vic, WA, locksmiths who install security lock systems must undergo a police check before being issued with a security licence.

Membership of the Locksmiths Guild of Australia and Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia is available to anyone interested in this industry. Further information is available on their websites.

**Job prospects** Locksmiths are employed by locksmiths and security firms. There may also be opportunities for self-employment. They can specialise in lock manipulation, key manufacture and identification, safe work and automotive work. Work may include domestic, commercial, government, retail and automotive situations.

Demand is largely dependent on concerns about security and security upgrades involving electrical security, access control and alarm monitoring systems..

**Specialisation** ➤ Safe and Vault Technician

**Related Jobs**

- Electronic Equipment Technician
- Security Officer
- Security System Installer

**Further information**

- Australian Security Industry Association Ltd [[www.asial.com.au](http://www.asial.com.au)]
- National Australian Security Providers Association [[www.naspa.com.au](http://www.naspa.com.au)]
- Locksmiths Guild of Australia [[www.lga.org.au/](http://www.lga.org.au/)]
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