

# CAREER FACT SHEET

## Funeral Workers

### Snapshot

Funeral Workers prepare bodies for viewing and burial, arrange and conduct funerals, and perform other specialist funereal services.

How many are employed in this occupation?	7,300
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,356
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Medium
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Moderate Growth

### Main employing industries

Other Services

### Tasks

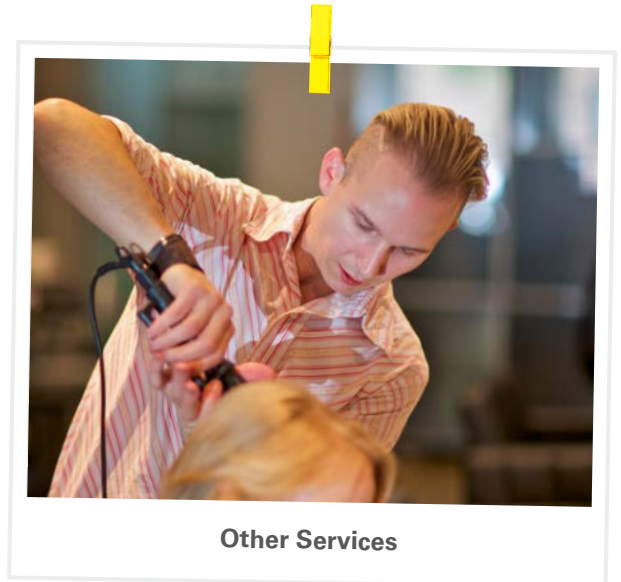
This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- interviewing families and associates of the deceased to assist with funeral arrangements such as the selection of coffin, type of service and publication of death notices
- advising on funeral costs and welfare provisions
- collecting bodies from mortuaries
- ensuring death certificates have been issued, burial and cremation certificates processed and that other legal requirements are met
- preparing bodies for viewing and burial by washing, draining body fluids, applying padding and cosmetics, dressing bodies and placing them in coffins
- liaising with clergy and cemetery and crematorium staff
- coordinating the movement of coffins and funeral cars, arranging floral displays and collecting attendance and tribute cards
- arranging the placement of coffins at funeral sites, and placing and adjusting floral displays and lighting
- keeping records and accounts of transactions and services performed
- may arrange the construction of memorials and the disposal of ashes

# INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

## Other Services

Everything outside the 18 Industry Categories are classified as "Other Services". It's important to explore this category as you just might find an occupation that matches your skills and aspirations in this extremely diverse range of services. Examples of industries categorized as "Other Services" include: If you love working with cars, motors and machines - making, fixing or selling them - then the automotive services industry could interest you. Occupations in this sector include those that involve working with gas and diesel engines, farm machinery, boats, power equipment and even bicycles. This could be in areas such as detailing, smash repairs, body work, or engine maintenance. Personal Care Services The Personal Care industry covers work focusing on supporting people's health, well-being and beauty. If you are interested in working with people on a very personal level, are a good communicator and want to learn about grooming and deportment, then you should definitely explore the opportunities in this sector. People in this industry typically work in a salon environment but may also work in resorts, day spas, cruise ships, or hotels. If you want to succeed in this industry, you need to be healthy and well groomed, tactful and enjoy dealing with people on a daily basis.



**Other Services**

### Possible job pathways

- Automotive Electricians
- Car Detailers
- Motor Mechanics
- Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories Fitters
- Panelbeaters
- Vehicle Painters
- Beauty Therapists
- Fitness Instructors
- Hairdressers
- Massage Therapists
- Domestic Cleaners
- Funeral Workers
- Laundry Workers
- Ministers of Religion
- Other Cleaners

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