

# CAREER FACT SHEET

## Deck and Fishing Hands

### Snapshot

Deck and Fishing Hands maintain ships' equipment and structures, and catch fish, crustacea and molluscs.

How many are employed in this occupation?	6,200
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,192
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Low
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Decline

### Main employing industries

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Transport, Postal and Warehousing

### Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- handling ropes and wires, and operating mooring equipment when berthing and unberthing
- standing lookout watches at sea and adjusting the ship's course as directed
- assisting with cargo operations using on-board equipment and stowing and securing cargo
- patrolling ships to ensure safety of the vessel, cargo and passengers
- performing routine maintenance and checks on deck equipment, cargo gear, rigging, and lifesaving and firefighting appliances
- attaching gear and fastening towing cables to nets
- casting and lowering nets, pots, lines and traps into water
- preparing lines, attaching running gear and bait, and setting lines into position
- hauling in fishing gear and removing fish and other marine life
- sorting, cleaning, preserving, stowing and refrigerating catch

# INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

## Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

If you're interested in working in the great outdoors on tasks such as cultivating plants, testing soil PH levels, diving for lobsters, or raising livestock, then you should investigate a career in Australia's Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry. The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry employs a huge number of people in the many roles associated with the supply of fresh and frozen produce and timber to both local and overseas markets. The sheep, beef cattle and grain sectors are Australia's top producers however, there are many other types of farming, such as aquaculture and hydroponics, offering career pathways in a number of specialised areas. The forestry and fishing industries also employ a huge number of people in a range of occupations both directly and indirectly in supporting Australian forests and fisheries.

### Possible job pathways

- Agricultural Consultant
- Agricultural Scientist
- Aquaculture Farmer & Workers
- Stock and Station Agent
- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farm Worker
- Meat Inspector
- Quarantine Officer
- Primary Products Inspectors



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