

CAREER FACT SHEET

Wall and Floor Tilers

Snapshot

Wall and Floor Tilers lay ceramic, clay, slate, marble and glass tiles on external and internal walls and floors to provide protective and decorative finishes.

How many are employed in this occupation?	17,300
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$813
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

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Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- examining plans, measuring and marking surfaces and laying out work
- preparing wall and floor surfaces by removing old tiles, grout and adhesive, filling holes and cracks, and cleaning surfaces
- spreading adhesive onto prepared surfaces and tiles, and setting tiles in position
- using tile-cutting tools to cut and shape tiles needed for edges and corners, and around objects such as fittings and pipes
- ensuring tiles are correctly aligned and spaced
- grouting tiles, and cleaning and removing excess grout
- applying waterproofing systems
- may lay floors of granolithic, terrazzo, cement or similar composition
- may lay coloured tiles in patterns to create mosaics

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

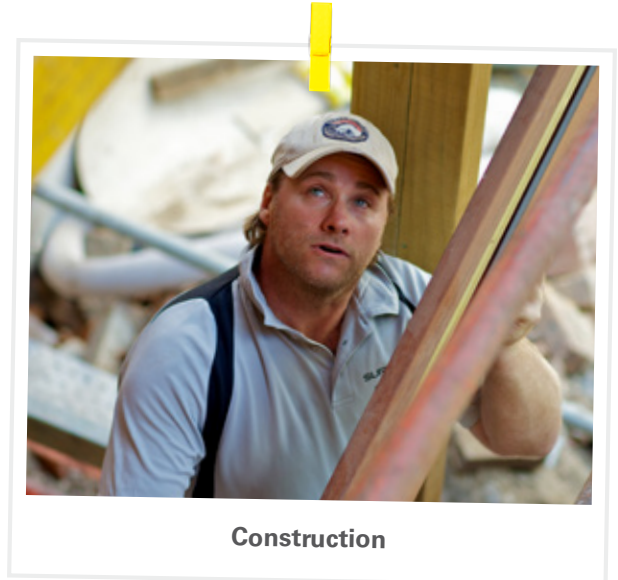
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Do you think you would like to design, build, maintain or renovate properties? What about working as an engineer or crane operator on a major construction site? Perhaps you fancy the idea of becoming a trade professional, such as a cabinetmaker or stonemason? If these occupations grab your attention, then you should explore the career pathways available within the Construction industry.

The Construction industry is divided into eight sectors: Residential Building; Non-Residential Building; Heavy and Civil Engineering; Land Development and Site Preparation Services; Building Structure Services; Building Installation Services ; Building Completion Services ; and Other Construction Services . Therefore the Construction industry offers many opportunities to get skilled via many different trade and technical vocational pathways.

Employment growth across the sector has recently been very strong, driven by the housing and commercial needs of an expanding population and investment in private and public infrastructure.

Employment in the Construction industry has increased by 42.5 per cent (over a ten year period) making it the third-largest growth industry in Australia for this period. This makes it an exciting time to join this industry! There are many skilled occupations to choose from: bricklayers, stonemasons, carpenters & joiners, cabinetmakers and painters to name a few. And you can build on these qualifications to attain supervisory, management qualifications or business credentials. Perhaps paving the way for you to own your own business.



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Possible job pathways

- Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics
- Architectural, Building & Surveying Technicians
- Bricklayers and Stonemasons
- Building and Plumbing Labourers
- Cabinetmakers
- Carpenters and Joiners
- Civil Engineering Professionals
- Concreters
- Construction Managers
- Crane, Hoist and Lift Operators
- Earthmoving Plant Operators
- Electrical Distribution Trades Workers
- Electricians
- Gardeners
- Glaziers
- Insulation and Home Improvement Installers
- Painting Trades Workers
- Paving and Surfacing Labourers
- Plasterers
- Plumbers
- Roof Tilers
- Structural Steel Construction Workers
- Wall and Floor Tilers

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