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Insulation and Home Improvement Installers

Insulation and home improvement installers install a variety of insulation materials to improve resistance to heat, cold, air, sound and moisture, and install functional and decorative home improvements.

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Job title examples

- Building Insulation Installer
- Home Improvement Installer

What insulation and home improvement installers do

- examine plans, specifications and work sites to determine the type and quality of installations required and their location
- prepare site for insulation and installation of fittings by nailing up furring, drilling holes for screws and bolts, and erecting scaffolding and ladders
- glue blocks and slabs of foamed plastic and cork to walls
- operate equipment to blow and spray mineral wool, fibre fill and foam insulation material into cavities
- cut insulation material to size and shape, and nail and staple batt-type insulation to joists, studs and furring
- measure, cut and apply solar control film to windows
- fit awnings, security screens, shower screens, prefabricated windows and doors, exterior cladding and other home improvements using hand tools
- drill holes in wood, brick, stone and fibrous structures, and bolt, screw and nail fittings into place
- attach and adjust mechanical fittings such as cranks, locks and pull-cords
- install flashing and waterproofing to fittings such as shower screens and prefabricated windows and doors

Main employing industries

- Construction

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualification is available in NSW:

Certificate III in Blinds, Awnings, Security Screens and Grilles available as a traineeship or qualification

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects and pay

- There are around 7,460 insulation and home improvement installers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Average weekly full-time earnings (before tax):

- Insulation and home improvement installers: \$1,200
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs

- Building and plumbing labourer
- Concreter



To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides.

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, joboutlook.gov.au, based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014