



| NSW Department of Education

# Kitchenhand

Kitchenhands assist kitchen and service staff in preparing and serving food, and clean food preparation and service areas.

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### Job title examples

- Kitchenhand
- Catering assistant

### What kitchenhands do

- clean kitchens, food preparation areas and sculleries
- clean cooking and general utensils used in kitchens and restaurants
- transfer, weigh and check supplies and equipment
- assemble and prepare ingredients for cooking, and prepare salads, savouries and sandwiches
- pack food and beverage trays for serving
- cook, toast and heat simple food items

### Main employing industries

- Health care and social assistance
- Accommodation and food services

### Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualification is available in NSW:

**Certificate II in Kitchen Operations** 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 36,133 kitchenhands 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):

- Kitchenhands: \$875
- All occupations: \$1,200

### Related jobs

- Food trades assistant
- Fast food cook
- Cook



To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides](http://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](http://joboutlook.gov.au), based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014