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Laundry Worker

Laundry workers sort, clean, fold, iron and package linen, clothing and other items in laundries, drycleaning establishments and private residences.

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Job title examples

- Laundry Assistant
- Laundry Attendant

What laundry workers do

- sort articles for cleaning according to the type, colour, fabric and cleaning treatment required
- place sorted articles into receptacles and onto conveyor belts for moving to repair and cleaning areas
- check and remove stains from garments, and replace buttons and make minor repairs
- load and unload washing machines, driers and extractors
- add cleaning agents and starches to articles
- smooth articles and guide them through cleaning and pressing machines
- stop and start machines to untangle, straighten and remove articles
- iron and press clean articles
- place articles on shelves and hang articles for delivery and collection
- package articles and prepare orders for despatch

Main employing industries

- Health care and social assistance
- Other services (e.g. laundry/drycleaning)

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate III in Laundry Operations available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate III in Dry Cleaning 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 3,519 laundry workers 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):

- Laundry workers: \$713
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs

- Commercial cleaner
- Car detailer
- Housekeeper



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