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# Pharmacy Sales Assistant

Pharmacy sales assistants sell pharmaceutical goods, toiletries and related goods in retail pharmacies.

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### Job title examples

- Pharmacy Sales Assistant
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### What pharmacy sales assistants do

- accept prescriptions for dispensing medical items by retail pharmacists
- determine customer requirements and advise customers on the selection, price and usage of non-prescription medicines
- advise customers on the correct application and storage of medicines
- sell goods such as non-prescription drugs, first aid supplies, toiletries and cosmetics
- accept payment for goods and services by a variety of payment methods and prepare sales invoices
- promote goods and services that are for sale
- assist with the ongoing management of stock such as product inventories, and participate in stocktakes
- stack and display goods for sale, and wrap and pack goods sold.

### Main employing industries

- Retail trade

### Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

**Certificate II in Community Pharmacy** available as a traineeship or qualification.

**Certificate III in Community Pharmacy** 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 14,342 pharmacy sales assistants 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):

- Pharmacy sales assistants: \$750
- All occupations: \$1,200

### Related jobs

- Sales assistant
- Sales representative
- Retail supervisor



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