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# Retained Firefighter Fire & Rescue NSW

Firefighters play a vital role in making Australia a safer place to live. You'll use your understanding of human nature and commitment to others to respond to emergency incidents; and contribute to risk management activities to prevent and minimise the impact of incidents on lives, property and the environment.

## What Retained Firefighters do

Retained firefighter for fire and Rescue enhance community safety, quality of life, and confidence by minimising the impact of hazards and emergency incidents on the people, property, environment and on the economy of NSW.

FRNSW firefighters are among the most highly trained in the world. Our teams provide fire prevention, they respond to hazardous materials incidents, natural disasters and medical emergencies. Our teams also undertake counter terrorism and urban search and rescue operations. We are prepared for anything – helping anyone, anywhere, anytime.

## Will I get a job?

Strong growth in this occupation is predicted.

## What will I earn?

\$33.34 per hour plus retainer (before tax, excluding super).

This role is predominately offered as a part-time position.

### You'll like this job if...

You're confident and resilient. You're thorough and precise. You're a problem solver. You're comfortable following the rules. You're an active listener. You work with integrity. You take initiative, ownership and accountability.

- Retained Firefighters operate in dangerous, time critical situations where lives, property & the environment may be at risk
- Firefighting can be physically and psychologically demanding, especially during protracted incident.

### A day in the life...

Work as a retained firefighter may involve these tasks:

- attend fire and other emergency incidents providing expert knowledge and assistance commensurate with rank
- respond to emergency incidents in accordance with protocols, orders, legislation and training
- contribute to the Station's operational readiness; including the maintenance of appliances and equipment
- contribute to the Station's planning and prevention activities to mitigate risks
- support community safety and engagement; carrying out inspections, presenting and providing safety advice
- assist with investigations into the cause of fires
- undertake station duties including the completion of records, reports, correspondence and returns to facilitate the general running of the station
- the Retained Firefighter adheres to legislation, directions, rules, policies, protocols and standards.

### VET qualifications

Live within reasonable distance (as determined by FRNSW) to the Station to enable timely response to incidents.

Successful completion of the following units of competency assessments, training and development as determined by FRNSW can lead to a Retained firefighter job.

#### **PUA20613 – Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations)**

**PUAFIR215** – Prevent injury

**PUAEQU001B** – Prepare, maintain and test response equipment

**PUAFIR207B** – Operate breathing apparatus open circuit

**PUAFIR203B** – Respond to urban fire

**PUAOPE013A** – Operate communication systems and equipment

**PUATEA001B** – Work in a team

**PUASAR022A** – Participate in a rescue operation

### Roles to look for

- Fire fighter

### Main employing industries

- Public administration and safety organisations

### Other jobs you may like...

- Firefighter

**HLTFA211A** – Provide basic emergency life support

**PUAOHS001C** – Follow defined OHS policy and procedures

**PUASAR023A** – Participate in an urban search and rescue Cat 1

**PUAFIR204B** – Respond to bushfire

**HLTFA311A** – Apply first aid

**HLTFA404C** – Apply advanced resuscitation techniques

**DEFWHS010** – Identify confined space

**DEFWHS011** – Enter confined space

**MSMWHS217** – Gas test atmospheres

**PUAOHS002B** – Maintain safety at an incident scene

Licences, certifications and authorities are provided as part of the initial and ongoing training provided by Fire and Rescue NSW.

## Capabilities

The NSW Public Sector Capability Framework applies to all NSW public sector employees. The Capability Framework is available at [www.psc.nsw.gov.au/capabilityframework](http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/capabilityframework)

Occupation Specific Capabilities apply as determined by FRNSW.



To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides](http://education.nsw.gov.au/job-guides).

### Information sources

Income: Australian Government Department of Employment, Australian Jobs Report 2017, Occupation Matrix. ANZSCO ID: 2211. Earnings can vary greatly depending on the skills and experience of the worker, and the demands of the role. Career trend: Australian Government Department of Employment 2017 employment projections to May 2022. Graduate outcomes: National Centre for Vocational Education Research. \*Approximately 6 months after they completed VET.

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