



| NSW Department of Education

Sportsperson

Sportspersons participate in sporting events for monetary gain either as individuals or as members of a team.

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Job title examples

- Footballer
- Golfer
- Jockey
- Lifeguard
- Athlete
- Surfer

What sportspersons do

- maintain a high degree of expertise in a particular sport
- attend regular practice sessions and undertake private training to maintain the required standard of fitness
- decide on strategies in consultation with coaches
- assess other competitors and conditions at venues
- compete in sporting events
- adhere to the rules and regulations associated with a specific sport
- promote water safety awareness and undertake rescue of persons in difficulty in the water
- undertake sports promotional activities and television appearances

Main employing industries

- Arts and recreation services

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey) available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Sport Career Oriented Participation 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 6,331 sportspersons working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.

Related jobs

- Sports coaches, instructor and official
- Fitness instructor



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