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Wall and Floor Tiler

Wall and floor tilers lay ceramic, clay, slate, marble and glass tiles on external and internal walls and floors to provide protective and decorative finishes.

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Job title examples

- Wall and Floor Tiler

What wall and floor tilers do?

- examine plans, measure and mark surfaces and lay out work
- prepare wall and floor surfaces by removing old tiles, grout and adhesive, filling holes and cracks, and cleaning surfaces
- spread adhesive onto prepared surfaces and tiles, and set tiles in position
- use tile-cutting tools to cut and shape tiles needed for edges and corners, and around objects such as fittings and pipes
- ensure tiles are correctly aligned and spaced
- grout tiles, and clean and remove excess grout
- apply waterproofing systems
- may lay floors of granolithic, terrazzo, cement or similar composition
- may lay coloured tiles in patterns to create mosaics

Main employing industries

- Construction

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Apprenticeships and traineeships: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

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 6,973 wall and floor tilers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.
- Employers report currently state-wide shortages of wall and floor tilers in NSW.

Average weekly full-time earnings (before tax):

- Wall and Floor Tilers: \$862
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs

- Glazier
- Plasterer
- Roof Tiler



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