


JOB ROLE

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TRADESPERSON

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected change of +7.9%
- > From 5,900 in 2023 to 6,400 in 2028

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



\$70,323

Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



\$120,554

Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > AutoCAD
- > Mechanical Systems
- > Mechanical Designs
- > Document Control

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Communication
- > Detail Orientated
- > Troubleshooting (Problem Solving)
- > Operations
- > Customer Service

DIGITAL SKILLS

- > SAP Applications
- > Microsoft 365 Applications

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- > Automotive Repair and Maintenance
- > Shipbuilding and Repair Services
- > Iron Ore Mining
- > Oil and Gas Extraction

TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- > BHP
- > Cornell Design
- > ASC
- > Scania Australia
- > Cirrus Global

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- > Mechanical Engineering Tradesperson
- > Mechanical Engineering Technician
- > Vehicle/Mechanical Technician



YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- > Mechanical Engineer
- > Motor Mechanic
- > Industrial Engineer

QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS



Looking to progress your career? TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (*fees may apply)

- > Certificate III in Engineering - Technical (MEM30522)
- > Diploma of Engineering - Technical (MEM50222)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFESA website.

JOB HOLDER COMMENTS



“With a light fabrication and drafting background, I wanted to upskill and knew the Diploma was the course for me. I’ve taken a step in the right direction to obtaining the necessary skills and knowledge to develop a successful career in this field.”

Daniel Moore
Diploma of Engineering – Technical (MEM50212)



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY



Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Upcoming events include:

- > Various events run by Young Engineers Australia
Further information available on the [YEA website](#)

Follow these organisations on social media:

- > Engineers Australia
- > Young Engineers Australia
- > Indigenous Engineers Group

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- > Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- > Look for employment opportunities advertised on
 - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
 - online employment websites like Seek
 - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website

CAREER SUPPORT



Not sure where to start? TAFE SA's Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- > career planning
- > write a winning resume
- > how to respond to selection criteria
- > cover letters that stand out
- > preparing for job interviews

To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA's Career Support Page: Career Support (tafesa.edu.au)

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