

JOB ROLE

COOK

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected Change +0.8%
- > From 44,800 in 2021 to 45,200 in 2026

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Cooking
- > Food Safety
- > Food Preparation
- > Meal Preparation
- > Teamwork/Collaboration

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Planning
- > Communication Skills
- > Organisational Skills
- > Creativity
- > Time Management

DIGITAL SKILLS

- > Facebook
- > Electronic Data Interchange
- > YouTube
- > Microsoft Word
- > JavaScript

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- > Preschool Education
- > Catering Services
- > Accommodation
- > Other Social Assistance Services
- > Supermarket and Grocery Services

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

- > Government of South Australia
- > Goodstart Childcare Limited
- > Guzman Y Gomez (GYG)
- > Anglicare
- > Compass Group PLC

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- > Centre Cook
- > Pizza Maker
- > Cook/Chef
- > Cook – Aged Care
- > Roadhouse Cook



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

- > Chef
- > Pastrycook
- > Fast-food Cook



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- > Basic Skills for Food Industry (SSDIS01007)
- > Certificate II in Cookery (SIT20421)
- > Certificate III in Commercial Cookery (SIT30821)
- > Certificate IV in Kitchen Management (SIT40521)

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

“The hands-on practical aspects of a commercial cookery really appealed to me during my studies. My time at TAFE SA has been so well structured and planned, allowing me to have a good balance between work and study, which has proved beneficial for my development.”

Nathan Mrotek
Certificate III in Commercial Cookery (SIT30816)



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY

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

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

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)

Data sources:

Burning Glass Technologies. "Labor Insight™ Real-Time Labor Market Information Tool." <http://www.burning-glass.com>. 2021, data sourced 2023

Labour Market Insights, Government of Australia, data sourced 2023

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