

JOB ROLE

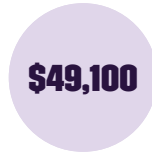
COOK

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected change of +7.2%
- > From 38,300 in 2023 to 41,100 in 2028

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Food Safety and Sanitation
- > Food Preparation
- > Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)
- > Meal Planning
- > Restaurant Operation

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Effective Communication
- > Customer Service
- > Quality Control
- > Organisation Skills
- > Leadership

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- > Hospitals
- > Preschool Education
- > Accomodation
- > Aged Care
- > Cafes and Restaurants

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

- > State of South Australia
- > G8 Education Ltd
- > Guzman Y Gomez
- > Cater Care
- > Career Employment Group

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- > Cook
- > Hotel Cook
- > Chefs/Cooks
- > Grill Cook



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

- > Chef
- > Pastrycook
- > Fastfood Cook

QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS



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

- > 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 TAFE SA website.

JOB HOLDER COMMENTS

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“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.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts. Upcoming events include:

- > **Various events held by Food South Australia.**
Further information available on their [website](#).
- > **Tasting Australia**
2nd - 11th May 2025
Event information available on their [website](#).

Follow these organisations on social media:

- > Food South Australia
- > Fine Food Australia

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 \(tafesa.edu.au\)](https://www.tafesa.edu.au)

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