

JOB ROLE

DRILLERS ASSISTANT

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



N/A

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION

\$49,300

Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)

\$74,600

Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Working at heights
- Directional drilling
- Underground mining
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Strong work ethic
- Effective communication
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- First Aid

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- Mining
- Construction
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

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

- Savanna Energy Services Corp
- Swick Mining Services
- BHP
- Pybar Mining Services
- MacMahon

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- Drillers Assistant
- Well Drillers



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

- Metal Machinist
- Miner
- Shot firer



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation (RII20120)
- Certificate III in Resource Processing (RII30420)

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

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.



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.

Follow these organisations on social media:

- Australian Drilling Industry Association
- Mining Companies e.g., Rio Tinto or BHP

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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