

JOB ROLE

FOOD TECHNOLOGIST

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected Change +0.4%
- > From 14,900 in 2021 to 15,000 in 2026

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Food Science
- > Food Safety
- > Environmental Sustainability
- > Consumer Research
- > Biosecurity

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Research
- > Planning
- > Communication Skills
- > Presentation Skills
- > Problem Solving

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- > State Government Administration
- > Manufacturing
- > Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

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

- > Primary Industries and Regions South Australia
- > Government of South Australia
- > Unico

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- > Food Safety Systems Officer
- > Environment Officer (food processing)





QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- > Diploma of Food Science and Technology

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

“The TAFE SA’s Diploma of Food Science and Technology is a hands-on, practical course with plenty of lab sessions, making it easy to learn. The facilities are also equipped with everything students need.”

Hoda Yavari

Diploma of Food Science and Technology



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:

- > **South Australian Food, Bev & Tech Trade Show 2024**
7th – 8th May 2024
Adelaide Showgrounds

Follow these organisations on social media:

- > Australian Institute of Food Science & Technology
- > 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)

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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