

JOB ROLE

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +3.30%
- From 22,432 in 2025 to 23,174 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Laboratory Experience
- Chemistry
- Laboratory Testing
- Sample Preparation
- Risk Analysis

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Detail Oriented
- Communication
- Quality Control
- Management
- Problem Solving

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Laboratory Information Management Systems
- Database Management Systems

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Manufacturing
- Education & Training
- Mining

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

- State of South Australia
- Bureau Veritas
- Corestaff South Australia
- FMG Engineering
- Clinpath Laboratories





QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- Certificate III in Laboratory Skills (MSL30122)
- Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques (MSL40122)
- Diploma of Laboratory Technology (MSL50122)

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 equipment and facilities are great for science students to learn and practice in. The labs include all the equipment we need to use in any laboratory and the lecturers were really helpful!"

Noura El Hamra

Diploma of Laboratory Technology (MSL50118)



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:

- SAHMRI
- Australian Institute of Medical & Clinical Scientists
- SA Health

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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