

JOB ROLE

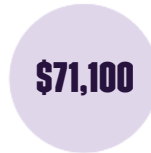
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TRADESPERSON

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +5.92
- From 6,770 in 2025 to 7,170 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Field Service Management
- Machining
- Mechanical Engineering
- Computer Numerical Control
- Technical Drawings

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Troubleshooting
- Communication
- Detail Oriented
- Computer Literacy
- Planning

DIGITAL SKILLS

- AutoCAD
- Mastercam
- SolidWorks

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- Manufacturing
- Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

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

- Stryker
- ILUKA Resources
- North East Group
- Axiom Precision Manufacturing



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

- Mechanical Engineer



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade (MEM30219)
- Diploma of Engineering - Technical (MEM50222)

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:

- Engineers Australia
- Young Engineers Australia
- Indigenous Engineers Group

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:

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