

JOB ROLE

OPERATIONS MANAGER

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +6.47%
- From 71,323 in 2025 to 75,936 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Governance
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Key Performance Indicators
- Project Management
- Risk Management

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Leadership
- Communication
- Customer Service
- Planning
- Problem Solving

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Microsoft 365
- SAP Applications
- Xero
- Power BI

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- Viterra Canada
- Hender Consulting
- Aldi
- Bolton Clarke
- State Of South Australia

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

- Central Government Administration
- Accommodation
- Supermarket and Grocery Stores
- Higher Education
- Local Government Administration

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- Operations Manager
- Corporate Manager
- General Manager





QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- Certificate IV in Leadership and Management (BSB40520)
- Diploma of Leadership and Management (BSB50420)

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

"Working fulltime, TAFE SA was able to offer flexible and online study options. I really enjoyed the course and it covered what I needed to assist me with my career progression. I have since been promoted to an operations manager for a residential home builder."

Teegan Bowley

Diploma of Leadership and Management [BSB50420]



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:

- Business SA
- BNI Australia
- LG Professionals SA

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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