

# JOB ROLE

# PLANT OPERATOR

## LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected change of +11.1%
- > From 10,400 in 2021 to 11,400 in 2028

## AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



**Entry level**  
(1-3 years' experience)



**Senior**  
(8+ years' experience)

## WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



### SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Automation
- > Electric Power Systems
- > Workflow Management
- > Process Safety & Control
- > Load Flow Analysis

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Communication
- > Problem Solving
- > Strong Work Ethic
- > Teamwork
- > Detail Orientated

### DIGITAL SKILLS

- > SAP Applications
- > PowerFactory
- > Microsoft Office 365
- > Microsoft Azure

## EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- > Metal Ore Mining
- > Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
- > Copper Ore Mining
- > Electricity Market Operation

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

- > Fulton Hogan
- > BHP
- > Rio Tinto Group
- > Fyfe Pty Ltd
- > Electranet

### LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- > Control Room Operator
- > Plant Operator
- > Stationary Plant Operator



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

- > Production Plant Manager
- > Water Treatment Specialist



## QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- > Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations (RII30820)
- > 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:

- > PIRSA
- > Civil Contractors Federation SA
- > Australasian Waste & Recycling Expo

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](https://www.tafesa.edu.au))**

### Data sources:

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