

JOB ROLE

SUPPORT WORKER

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +13.67%
- From 40,451 in 2025 to 45,981 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Case Management
- Human Services
- Child Protection
- Community Development
- Risk Analysis

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Communication
- Empathy
- Advocacy
- Decision Making
- Time Management

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Clinical Management Systems
- Microsoft 365 App Suite

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- Social Assistance Services
- Medical and other Health Care Services
- Residential Care Services

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

- The Salvation Army
- Women's Safety Services SA
- State of South Australia
- Anglicare Australia
- Centacare



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

- Case Worker
- Youth Worker



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- Certificate III in Community Services (CHC32015)

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:

- Australian Community Workers Association
- Child and Family Focus SA
- South Australian Council of Social Service
- Wellbeing 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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