

# JOB ROLE

# WASTE WATER OR WATER PLANT OPERATOR

## LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +3.02%
- From 25,455 in 2025 to 26,224 in 2030

## AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



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



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

## WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



### SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Water Treatment
- Sewage Treatments
- Pump Stations
- Construction
- Predictive Analytics

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Operations
- Communication
- Troubleshooting
- Detail Orientated
- Customer Service

## EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services

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

- SA Water
- Trility
- Integra Water
- Ground Support Systems

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

- Water Treatment Operators
- Water/Wastewater Treatment Operator
- Wastewater or Water Plant Operator





## QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

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

- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations (Networks) (NWP30222)
- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations (Wastewater Treatment) (NWP30222)
- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations (Water Treatment) (NWP30222)

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:

- Water Industry Operations Association of Australia (WIOA)
- SA Water

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://tafesa.edu.au))**

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