

JOB ROLE

WASTE WATER OR WATER PLANT OPERATOR

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected change of +4.2%
- > From 23,500 in 2023 to 24,500 in 2028

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Forklift Operation
- > Front End Loaders
- > Teamwork / Collaboration
- > Machine Operation
- > Power Tools

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Detail-Orientated
- > Communication Skills
- > Computer Literacy
- > Troubleshooting
- > Written Communication

DIGITAL SKILLS

- > Microsoft Office
- > SAP
- > Electronic Data Interchange
- > SCADA
- > Lotus Applications

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- > Local Government Administration
- > Water Supply
- > Road and Bridge Construction
- > Other Warehousing and Storage Services
- > Oil and Gas Extraction

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

- > GFG Alliance
- > Adelaide Brighton
- > SA Water
- > Linc Logistics Solutions
- > Exact Consulting

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

- > Environmental Engineer
- > Stationary Plant Operators
- > Technician and Trade Workers





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:

- > Treatment Plant Operator
- > Australian Water Association

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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