



# Surveyor ANZSCO 2322-12

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## Current labour market rating: Shortage

Employers in Victoria attracted few suitable applicants and a significant proportion of vacancies remain unfilled. This is the sixth consecutive year that there was a shortage of surveyors, noting that in 2016 the shortage was evident for metropolitan areas only.

## Key research findings

- Employers filled 46 per cent of vacancies from averages of 6.7 qualified applicants and 0.7 suitable applicants per vacancy.
- Metropolitan employers filled 50 per cent of their vacancies and regional employers filled 33 per cent of their vacancies.
- Metropolitan vacancies received an average of 0.8 suitable applicants per vacancy while regional vacancies received an average of 0.3 suitable applicants per vacancy.
- Seventy per cent of surveyed employers had unfilled vacancies.
- Employers sought suitably qualified and experienced surveyors, but most did not require licensed and registered applicants.
- Ninety per cent of qualified applicants were considered unsuitable.
- The main reason qualified applicants were unsuitable was a lack of sufficient relevant experience.

## Demand and supply

- In Victoria, demand for surveyors is driven by residential and non-residential building construction, and to a lesser extent, heavy and civil engineering construction.
- The value of construction work done in Victoria increased by 42.3 per cent over the five years to December 2018, and by almost 9 per cent in the 12 months to December 2018.
- The value of engineering construction activity increased by 67.8 per cent over the five years to December 2018, and by 9.8 per cent over the year to December 2018.

## 2019 Survey Results<sup>1</sup>

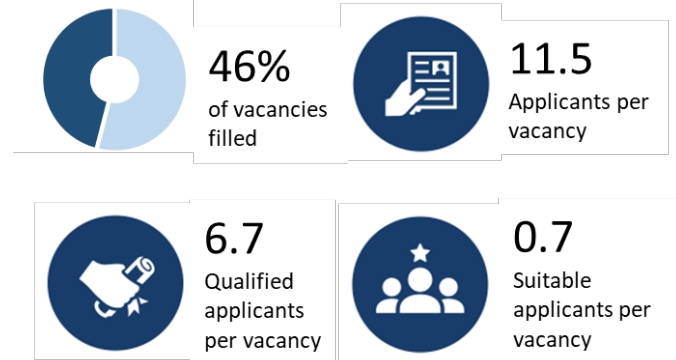
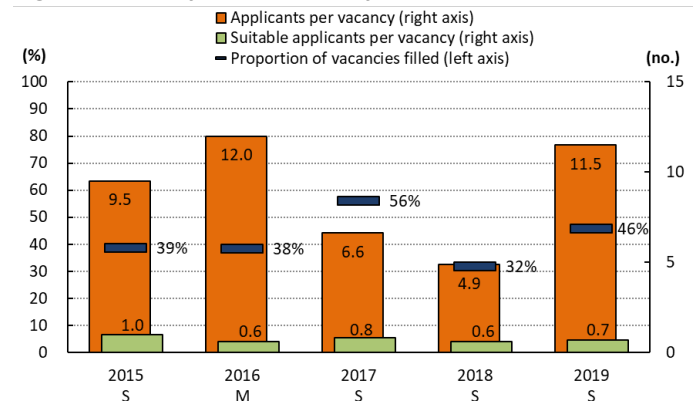


Figure 1: Survey results, Surveyor, 2015 to 2019



Key to ratings: S = Shortage; M = Metropolitan shortage

- The value of building approvals in Victoria however, declined by 23.7 per cent in the year to December 2018.
- Internet vacancies for Cartographers and Surveyors increased by 21.6 per cent over the five years to March 2019.
- Supply to this occupation is through an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in surveying.
  - In 2017, there were 130 commencements, below the average of 182 commencements in each year from 2012 to 2017.
  - In 2017, there were 106 completions, above the average of 89 completions in each year from 2012 to 2017.

<sup>1</sup> The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology](#)

Additional Data Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Cat. 8755.0, Table 08, Value of Construction Work Done, Chain Volume Measures, States and Territories, Victoria, Trend; ABS, Cat. 8762.0, Engineering Construction Activity, Table 02, Value of Work Done, State and Territories, Chain Volume Measures; Victoria, Trend; ABS, Cat. 8731.0 Value of Building Approved, Chain Volume Measures, Original-Victoria; Department of Jobs and Small Business, Internet Vacancy Index, March 2019, 12 month moving average.