



ANZSCO 3121-11 Architectural Draftsperson

Tasmania February 2017

Current labour market rating

No Shortage

Previous labour market rating (April 2016)

No Shortage

Comments

Recent research indicates there is currently no shortage of architectural draftspersons in Tasmania, with the majority of employers filling their vacancies with suitable applicants.

Survey results¹

- The Department of Employment survey of employers who recently advertised for architectural draftspersons found 75 per cent of vacancies were filled within the survey period. In 2016, 100 per cent of vacancies were filled.
- There was an average of 1.8 applicants per vacancy, with most employers receiving at least one suitable applicant per vacancy.
- The majority of employers were seeking qualified applicants who had demonstrated workplace experience.
- A small number of employers did not require a qualified person to fill their vacancy and chose to employ an applicant who was studying towards their Diploma.
- Of the small number of vacancies that remained unfilled, although employers received applications for their positions, they were unable to find suitable applicants who had experience with specific software applications, such as Revit, or industry knowledge in commercial construction.

Unsuitable applicants

- A small number of vacancies remained unfilled despite employers advising they received applicants for the position. The unsuitable applicants were unqualified or could not demonstrate on-the-job skills and experience required by the employer.
 - Employers advised they were unable to find suitable applicants who had experience with specific software applications such as Revit or industry knowledge in commercial construction.

Demand and supply trends

- Demand for architectural services is primarily driven by construction and building activity. ABS trend data indicates Tasmanian building approvals in January 2017 were 11.3 per cent lower than they were in January 2016.²

¹ The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Employment - Document library, Australian Government and can also be accessed by the QR code.



- The First Home Builders Boost grant, which had decreased to \$10,000 for eligible purchasers of new homes, homes off the plan and owner/builder homes, has been doubled. Eligible first home owners will be able to access \$20,000 until 30 June 2017. The extra grant will be backdated to January 2016 so that Tasmanians who have already applied and qualified for the \$10,000 grant can qualify for the full \$20,000.³
- The Department's 12 month average count of vacancies advertised online for architectural draftspersons show that, after showing growth in the 12 months from a low in September 2014, vacancy numbers have been reasonably steady. The number of vacancies in February 2017 was 7.9 per cent higher than in February 2016.⁴
- TasTAFE offer formal training for the occupation through the completion of a Diploma of Building Design. On completion of the course, students become building designers for residential and small commercial construction projects. Data on the number of student commencements or completions is unavailable at this stage.
 - ABS Census 2011 data indicates that almost half of all architectural draftspersons have a diploma level qualification or higher.⁵

² ABS, Building Approvals, Australia, Total Number of Dwelling Units Approved - States and Territories

³ http://www.premier.tas.gov.au/releases/first_home_builders_boost2 *First Home Builders Boost*, 25 May 2016

⁴ Department of Employment, *Internet Vacancy Index*, February 2017, 12 month moving average.

⁵ ABS, *2011 Population Census data*, Tasmania