



Painting Trades Worker ANZSCO 3322-11

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Current labour market rating: No shortage

Labour market conditions for painting trades workers has steadily improved over the last three years with more suitable and qualified applicants for employers seeking to recruit.

Key research findings

- The Department of Jobs and Small Business surveyed employers who had recently advertised for painters finding 81 per cent of vacancies were filled.
- All vacancies in metropolitan areas were filled attracting on average 1.1 suitable applicants per vacancy.
- 58 per cent of regional vacancies were filled, despite a high proportion of qualified and suitable applicants per vacancy.
- Vacancies remained unfilled because:
 - 44 per cent of suitable applicants for regional vacancies wanted Fly-In-Fly-Out arrangements and/or higher wages than were offered; and
 - 11 per cent of suitable applicants were unable to meet drug and alcohol test requirements imposed by an employer.

Demand and supply

- 76 per cent of painting trades workers are employed in the construction industry and demand for this occupation is influenced by developments in this sector.
- Overall, the construction sector in the Northern Territory has fallen for five quarters.
- The total value of building work done in the NT fell by 19.5 per cent over the year to September 2018 this was due mainly to a 22 per cent decrease in engineering construction.
- The largest decrease was over the September 2018 quarter which fell by 24 per cent between June and September 2018.
- Internet vacancies for painting trades workers while low have increased over the year to September 2018, averaging 12 vacancies per month.
- A major source of supply to this trade is through completion of Certificate III in Painting and Decorating.
- The number of commencements and completions will vary from year to year, however the numbers for both

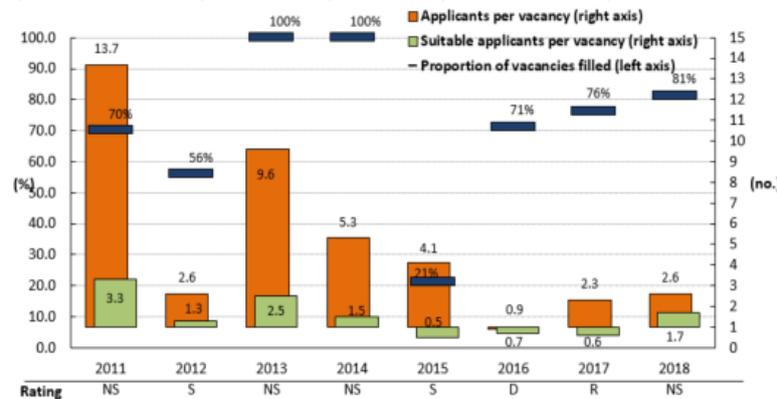
commencements and completions of this training in the Northern Territory has been low over the last ten years.

- Another source of supply is through Temporary Resident (Skilled) Visas which increased over the year to September 2018, from 39 to 51 visa holders in the Northern Territory.

2018 Survey Results¹



Figure 1: Survey results, Occupation, 2011 to 2018



Source: Department of Jobs and Small Business, Survey of Employers who Recently Advised

Key to ratings: S = Shortage; D = Recruitment difficulty; NS = No shortage; RS = Regional Shortage; D = Recruitment Difficulty

¹ The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Jobs and Small Business](#). Additional Data Sources: Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary, December 2018, ABS Cat 8755.0 Trend data; Department of Jobs and Small Business, Internet Vacancy Index, September 2018, 12 month moving average; NCVER, Apprentices and Trainees, March 2018; Temporary resident (skilled) visa holders, 2018-2019 to December 2018 – comparison with previous years, Department of Home Affairs