

Electricians

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Northern Territory

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Current labour market rating: Shortage

A relatively high number of suitable applicants per vacancy has not resulted in vacancies being filled across the Northern Territory.

Key research findings

- The Department of Jobs and Small Business surveyed employers who had recently advertised for electricians.
- Across the Northern Territory, 56 per cent of vacancies remained unfilled.
- 37 per cent of metropolitan vacancies were filled compared to 56 per cent filled in regional areas.
- Despite a commensurate number of qualified applicants per vacancy, 50 per cent of those applicants were deemed unsuitable by employers.
- In metropolitan regions, employers received 2.6 qualified applicants per vacancy. Of those, 57 per cent were considered suitable.
- In regional areas, there were 3.7 qualified people per vacancy, of those 36 per cent were considered suitable.
- 66 per cent of employers considered applicants unsuitable if applicants:
 - expected higher rates of pay than were offered,
 - did not have the relevant experience required by the employer. Metropolitan employers considered 66 per cent of suitable applicants had gained specialized area experience which were not applicable for the position being offered.
 - expected Fly-In-Fly-Out arrangements and were unwilling to relocate for the position. This was particularly relevant for vacancies in regional areas.

Demand and supply

- 48 per cent of electrician's 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 Electricians has steadily increased over the year to September 2018, averaging 33 vacancies per month which is consistent with the previous two years.
- The number of trainees entering into contracts of training has increased by 14 per cent over the year to March 2018 and similarly, completions of training in this trade increased by 24 per cent over the same period.

2018 Survey Results¹

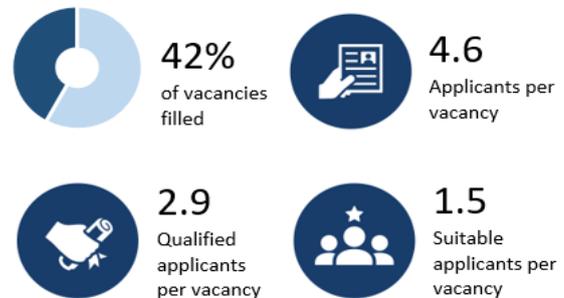
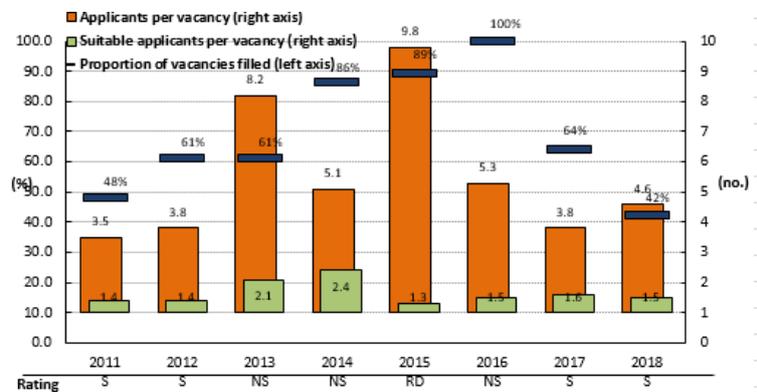


Figure 1: Survey results, Electricians, 2011 to 2018



Source: Department of Jobs and Small Business, Survey of Employers who recently advertised

Key to ratings: S = Shortage; D = Recruitment difficulty; NS = No shortage; S = Shortage; RD = 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; Department of Jobs and Small Business, Internet Vacancy Index, September 2018, 12 month moving average; NCVET, Apprentices and Trainees, March 2018.