

# Cabinetmaker

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### Current labour market rating: Shortage

Shortages of cabinetmakers have been apparent for much of the last decade and remain evident in the ACT. Employers attract few suitable applicants and a significant proportion of vacancies remain unfilled.

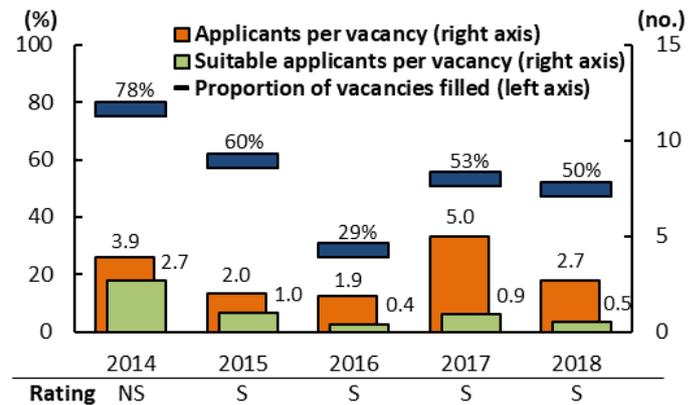
### Key research findings

- There was a slight tightening in this labour market over the year, with employers attracting fewer applicants and suitable applicants and filling a marginally lower proportion of their vacancies.
  - One quarter of employers received no applicants at all for their vacancy.
- Employers most commonly required applicants who held the relevant qualifications, licences (such as a White Card, OH&S, Asbestos awareness and a driver's licence) and had their own tools. Some employers mentioned specifically seeking applicants who had a strong work ethic.
  - The most common reason for unsuitability amongst applicants was a lack of relevant qualifications. Other reasons included a lack of experience or technical skills, a poor work history or failing a work trial.
- Most surveyed employers were kitchen fabrication and installation companies working in the residential sector (primarily new builds and renovations), although some also undertook commercial work. A small number of commercial furniture makers were also surveyed.
- A number of employers noted that there was a strong demand for their services, but not enough trained and skilled workers in the labour market.
  - Some employers mentioned that they take on apprentices in order to minimise future shortages within their cabinetmaker workforce.

### 2018 Survey Results<sup>1</sup>



Figure 1: Survey results, Cabinetmaker ACT, 2014-2018



Key to ratings: S = Shortage; NS = No shortage;

### Demand and supply

- Demand for cabinetmakers is largely influenced by activity within the ACT residential and commercial construction sector, which has been relatively strong over recent years.
- Highlighting the small workforce, there were around 300 cabinetmakers employed in the ACT at the time of the 2016 Census.
  - In the ACT, cabinetmaking apprenticeship completions have averaged around 18 over the past five years. However, commencements into the trade have averaged 38 over the same period.

The methodology is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology](#) | Department of Jobs and Small Business

Data: ABS 8755.0 Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary, June 2018, Table 8, Chain volume measures, trend; ABS Census of Housing and Population, 2016; NCVET, Apprentices and Trainees, June 2018, estimates

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