

Cabinetmaker

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Current labour market rating: Shortage

Shortages of cabinetmakers continues to be experienced across the Northern Territory, with recent research showing insufficient numbers of suitably qualified applicants.

Key research findings

- Very few vacancies were advertised for cabinetmakers during the survey period and it has been supplement by cold canvassing employers in this industry.
- 75 per cent of applicants were qualified with 33 per cent considered unsuitable due to:
 - failing to attend an interview;
 - Poor soft skills;
 - Employee choice to accept vacancy.
- Some employers were able to fill vacancies within four weeks; other employers held multiple recruitment rounds and experienced lengthy delays in recruitment (8 weeks to 10 months), with vacancies remaining unfilled at the time of this survey.
- Employers reported 80 per cent of their vacancies as unfilled:
 - All vacancies in metropolitan areas; and
 - 50 per cent of vacancies in regional areas.
- Some employers compromised to meet their business needs by recruiting apprentices.
- The time series illustrates that cabinetmakers have consistently recorded a Shortage or Regional Shortage since 2012, with the 2017 survey unable to be measured due to low numbers of contacts and vacancies.

Demand and supply

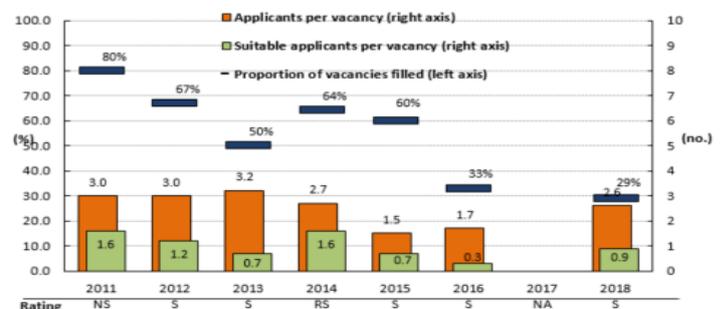
- 66.7 per cent of cabinetmakers are employed in the manufacturing industry and demand for this occupation is influenced by developments in the construction industry.
- Overall, the construction sector in the Northern Territory has fallen for five quarters.
- The total value of building work done in 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.

- There have been few vacancies for Cabinetmakers advertised on the internet, with an average of just over one vacancy per month for the past two years.
- Northern Territory apprenticeship commencements and completions in cabinetmaking are low and fluctuate from year to year.
- In 2018, commencements have declined sharply even though numbers and is at the lowest level recorded.
- Completions have slightly increased over the year and are at similar levels achieved in the previous three years.

2018 Survey Results¹



Figure 1: Survey results, Cabinetmaker, 2011 to 2018



Key to ratings: S = Shortage; NS = No shortage; RS = Regional Shortage; NA = Not assessed

¹ The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Jobs and Small Business](#). Additional Data Sources: ABS, Census of Housing and Population 2016; 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; NCVET, Apprentices and Trainees, March 2018, estimates (limited to certificate III)