



ANZSCO 3941-11 Cabinetmaker

Queensland September 2018

Current labour market rating

Shortage

Previous labour market rating (September 2017)

Shortage

Comments

Shortages remain evident across the state with a substantial number of employers unable to fill their vacancies within four weeks of advertising.

Survey results¹

- Employers contacted in the Survey of Employers who have Recently Advertised (SERA) carried out a range of work including residential (new homes and renovations), commercial and retail fit-outs, and custom made furniture.
- Overall, 38 per cent of vacancies were filled within four weeks compared with 58 per cent last year.
 - Employers reported 50 per cent of metropolitan vacancies and 20 per cent of regional vacancies as filled.
- There were 15.5 applicants per vacancy, which was slightly higher than last year's result (12.6).
 - The survey recorded a significant difference in the average number of applicants per vacancy between metropolitan (21.9) and regional (5.4) areas.
- This year, there were similar numbers of suitable applicants per vacancy (1.7) compared with last year (1.4).
 - On average, there were around 1.6 suitable applicants per regional vacancy compared with 1.8 suitable applicants per metropolitan vacancy.
- Around 54 per cent of employers contacted in this year's survey failed to attract any suitable applicants to their advertised vacancies.

Unsuitable applicants

- Overall, 85 per cent of all applicants lacked appropriate trade qualifications. Employers reported that their vacancies attracted unskilled and inexperienced applicants.
- Of the qualified applicants, employers considered 24 per cent as unsuitable, mainly because they lacked the experience needed for the position or had a poor work history.

¹ The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Jobs and Small Business - Document library, Australian Government](#) and can also be accessed by the QR code.



Demand and supply trends

- Demand for cabinetmakers is largely driven by activity in the construction sector. In Queensland, construction activity has been relatively stable over the past three years, remaining well below peak levels recorded in December 2013.²
- The number of internet vacancies for Cabinetmakers in Queensland has decreased by around 25 per cent in the two years to September 2018.³
- Entry to this trade is through the completion of an apprenticeship incorporating a Certificate III in Cabinet Making. Apprenticeship commencements in Queensland have decreased to around 350 in the year to March 2018, from a series peak of nearly 400 in the year to March 2016. After a series low of around 160 in the year to March 2017, apprenticeship completions have risen to more than 180 in the year to March 2018.⁴

² Australian Bureau of Statistics, 8755.0 – Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary, June 2018

³ Department of Jobs and Small Business, Internet Vacancy Index, September 2018, 12 month moving average

⁴ National Centre for Vocational Education Research, Apprentices and Trainees, 12 Months to March 2018 (limited to Certificate III)