

Building technician

Building Technicians work on construction projects to assist in the building of houses and commercial projects, often undertaking a supervisory role. Their role is usually tailored for their specific area of expertise.

What might a building technician's working day look like?

Your work will vary depending on the type of job. You may be involved in:

- + Providing skilled assistance to builders and construction managers by interpreting and carrying out directions for planning and organising building projects
- + Arranging supplies of material and equipment

As a building technician you must be able to:

- + Interpret building plans, regulations and codes of practice to direct work on site
- + Ensure work is completed to specifications and relevant regulations
- + Record construction progress and variations to the project scope
- + Calculate costs and timeframes of a project
- + Negotiate the buying of materials for a project and checking quality
- + Provide technical support to professionals including builders, engineers and construction managers
- + Arrange supplies and material for a project

To be a successful building technician you should:

- + Have a careful, methodical and accurate approach to work
- + Have good communication and interpersonal skills
- + Be able to organise and manage a constantly changing workload
- + Have the ability to work as part of a team and with other tradespeople
- + Have a sound knowledge in the area you specialise in

What can the future hold?

If you're ambitious and willing to work hard, there are no limits to where a career as a building technician can take you.

With several years experience and further training you can go on to become a Construction Manager.

Fantastic! How do I get started?

If you're still at school, you can enrol in the Certificate II in Building and Construction– Paraprofessional (Business) pathway or Certificate II in Building and Construction (Trades Pathway).

Building technicians often start their careers with an **apprenticeship** or **traineeship** and use that qualification to specialise when in the role of a technician. Common areas of expertise include carpentry, electrical, plumbing and drafting. You can also become a building technician via a university pathway such as a Degree in Construction Management.

For further information about gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship, find your nearest Apprenticeship Network Provider at www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au or call 13 38 73.



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