



Building Site Manager

Alternate Title Manager (Building Site), Building Site Supervisor

Description Building site supervisors are responsible for coordinating the construction of building sites. Generally, they will be situated in a site office on location and will be responsible for coordinating labour and materials and liaising with the customer. On a residential building site, the site supervisor will oversee a numbering of individual homes, often in different locations.

Some building site supervisors are self-employed as contractors or consultants to larger building companies.

Job Prospects/Employment Opportunities

Most building site managers are employed by construction companies, residential builders and architectural firms, mainly in the private sector. Job prospects are generally good, but vary with building activity.

- Typical Duties**
- Provide skilled assistance to builders in planning and organising building projects by interpreting and carrying out their directions
 - Interpret building plans, regulations and codes of practice in order to direct the Progress of work and monitor compliance with construction documents
 - Calculate costs and estimate completion times to prepare tender bids and to deal with contract variations
 - Arrange supplies of material and equipment
 - Draw up detailed programs for site works and the coordination of building workers, and record variations from design drawings or specifications
 - Negotiate with subcontractors and make reports to builders and architects

Personal Requirements

- Good communication skills
- Aptitude for management and leadership
- Technical aptitude

Work Conditions

Building site managers generally work on construction sites. Some building site managers are self-employed as contractors or consultants to larger building companies.

Entry Pathway There are two pathways to become a building site supervisor in South Australia:

- **Practical experience pathway:** This would usually involve either
 - Completion of a related apprenticeship followed by a Certificate IV; or
 - Completion of a Certificate IV and extensive experience in the building industry

From here it is possible to gain entrance into one of the higher qualifications.

Some people may complete a pre-apprenticeship or pre-vocational course before entering an apprenticeship. If you are still at school, **doorways2construction™** is the best first step into this career. Ask your VET coordinator for more details.

- **Academic pathway:** complete a diploma or degree in building or construction management and then gain relevant practical experience to supplement the formal qualification. Contact the institution for more information about entry requirements.

Qualifications

- University of South Australia - City East Campus
 - Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics
- TAFE SA (Building & Furnishing)
 - Advanced Diploma of Building Design and Project Administration
 - Diploma of Building
 - Diploma of Building Design and Technology
 - Certificate IV in Building

To get into the course you usually need to pass your SACE. Prerequisite subjects or assumed knowledge in one or more of English and mathematics are normally required. Contact the university for further information as requirements may change.

- Related Jobs**
- Building Technician
 - Project Support Officer
 - Property Developer
 - Quantity Surveyor

Further Information

- CITB [www.citb.org.au]
- Construction Industry Skills Board [<http://www.constructionskills.com.au>]
- **doorways2construction™** [<http://www.doorways2construction.org.au/>]
- Australian Institute of Building (National Office) [<http://www.aib.org.au/>]
- Be Constructive [www.beconstructive.com.au/]
- Big Plans [www.bigplans.com.au/]