



Scaffolder

Description Scaffolders erect and dismantle scaffolding to provide work platforms and handrails on building or industrial sites, or for temporary structures such as stages, seating and catwalks.

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Job Prospects/Employment Opportunities

Scaffolders may be employed directly by building and construction companies or by sub-contractors. The demand for scaffolders is dependent on the level of activity in the building industry. Work is also generated from other areas requiring scaffold erection such as entertainment, some types of building maintenance and cleaning work.

Scaffolders are mainly employed by construction firms and related sub-contractors. Although job prospects are quite good, they depend on the level of activity in the construction industry and can fluctuate. A small amount of work is generated from other areas which require erection of scaffolding (e.g. entertainment, building maintenance and cleaning work). Given the high level of building activity in South Australia at the moment, demand is likely to be higher than usual.

- Typical duties**
- Fit together steel pipes, support braces and clamps to form bases for scaffolds
 - Lift and position sections of scaffolding and bolt pipes together to build up scaffolding
 - Place planks over horizontal bars to create platforms
 - Check levels in scaffolding structures
 - Use prefabricated scaffolding when available
 - Dismantle scaffolding at the completion of a job

Personal requirements

- Enjoy outdoor, practical work
- Good hearing and vision
- Physically fit
- Able to judge distances
- Be at least 18 years old
- Able to work at heights

Work Conditions

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Entry pathway To become a scaffolder you will need to obtain a Certificate of Competency issued by Safework SA. This involves undertaking supervised, accredited training and then applying to a registered assessor who is authorised to carry out Certificate of Competency assessments. If you pass the assessment, you are issued with a Certificate of Competency. Employers usually prefer applicants who have finished Year 10.

Course or Training Package

- SafeWork SA Certificates
 - Basic Scaffolding (SB)
 - Intermediate Scaffolding (SI)
 - Advanced Scaffolding (SA)
- Certificate III in Scaffolding

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.

Specialisations

With sufficient industry experience, and the appropriate certificate of competency, scaffolders may become riggers.

Related Jobs

- Dogger
- Rigger

Further information

- CITB [www.citb.org.au]
- Construction Industry Skills Board [<http://www.constructionskills.com.au>]
- **doorways2construction™** [<http://www.doorways2construction.org.au/>]
- SafeWork SA [<http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/home.jsp>]
- Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) [<http://www.cfmeu.asn.au/construction/states/sa/>]
- Housing Industry Association [<http://hia.com.au/hia/region/SA.aspx>]
- Master Builder's Association [<http://www.mbasa.com.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=MBASA/ccms.r>]
- Big Plans [www.bigplans.com.au/]
- Be Constructive [www.beconstructive.com.au/]