

# Landscaping Apprenticeships

Landscaping & horticulture represent one of Australia's fastest-growing industries, closely linked to the housing boom. This rewarding career path involves landscaping large and small construction projects either on residential or commercial sites.

## What are some of the duties involved in a landscaping apprenticeship?

- ✓ Maintaining and preparing seedbeds and growing sites
- ✓ Planting flowers, trees, hedges and bushes for commercial and residential properties
- ✓ Setting out hardscape structures such as retaining walls, paving, etc
- ✓ Sourcing supplies
- ✓ Pruning and trimming hedges
- ✓ Designing garden beds

**4 Years**

- A fulltime landscaping apprenticeship goes for 4 years
- A landscaping school based apprenticeship (SBA) goes for 5 years, with the 1<sup>st</sup> year spread across Year 11 & 12
- A landscaping SBA must complete a minimum of 144 days of paid employment across Year 11 & 12
- Once a SBA finishes their HSC and SBA requirements they will become a 2<sup>nd</sup> year apprentice and can commence full time work

## What does a typical week look like?

- ✓ 4 days per week at work
- ✓ 1 day per week at TAFE
- ✓ Employers may ask you to work Saturdays & overtime

## What are some of the units offered in the course?

- ✓ Install drainage systems
- ✓ Set out site for construction works
- ✓ Construct landscape features using concrete
- ✓ Construct brick and/or block structures and features
- ✓ Construct stone structures and features
- ✓ Implement a paving project
- ✓ Implement a retaining wall project
- ✓ Provide information on plants and their culture
- ✓ Implement a plant establishment program

## What qualification is completed in the apprenticeship?

Certificate III in Landscape Construction

## Additional studies after the apprenticeship:

- ✓ Diploma of Landscape Project Management
- ✓ Diploma of Landscape Design

## Career pathway:

- ✓ Landscape Designer
- ✓ Landscape Project Manager
- ✓ Business owner

## What we look for in a suitable candidate

- ✓ Decision making
- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Critical thinking
- ✓ Customer service
- ✓ Readiness to work hard and learn
- ✓ Enjoys manual labour
- ✓ White card
- ✓ Driver's licence (except for school based apprentices)
- ✓ Own car (except for school based apprentices)

## Industry demand:

With development in Sydney happening in both residential and commercial spaces there is an increased need for qualified landscaping trades people as a part of the construction industry.

## What is the pay rate?

<https://calculate.fairwork.gov.au/findyouraward>

## Questions?

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