



# Vehicle Painter

## ANZSCO 3243-11

South Australia  
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### Current labour market rating: Shortage

Employers surveyed have identified in the last four years there has been a shortage of vehicle painters in South Australia.

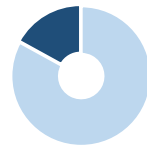
### Key research findings

- The survey found that 17 per cent of vacancies were filled compared to 50 per cent in 2017.
- The number of suitable applicants per vacancy has continued to decline in the last three years.
  - There were 0.3 suitable applicants per vacancy in 2018 compared to 2017 when there was an average of 1.1 suitable applicants per vacancy.
- Approximately 18 per cent of applicants had qualifications (0.8 qualified applicants per vacancy), 60 per cent were regarded as unsuitable, typically because they lacked:
  - Experience in occupation and/or
  - The technical skills required
- Employers had 80 per cent of their vacancies unfilled, with 60 per cent receiving no suitable applicants.
- Employers reported a lack of interest in the occupation from younger people due to the nature of the job and relatively low remuneration compared with other occupations.

### Demand and supply

- Around 66 per cent of vehicle painters were employed in the automotive body, paint and interior repair industry group.<sup>1</sup>
- Employment in this occupation and industry group increased in the year to August 2018.<sup>2</sup>

### 2018 Survey Results<sup>3</sup>



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of vacancies  
filled



4.7  
Applicants per  
vacancy



0.8  
Qualified  
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per vacancy



0.3  
Suitable  
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- The number of road-registered vehicles is the main driver of demand for vehicle painters. In the year to January 2018, the number of registered vehicles in South Australia increased by 1.7 per cent.<sup>4</sup>
- Apprenticeship training is a significant source of supply for this occupation, which includes the completion of a relevant certificate III qualification.<sup>5</sup>
- The number of training commencements for certificate III courses relevant to the broader occupational grouping of vehicle painters, panelbeaters, vehicle body builders and trimmers remained steady in the 2017-18 Financial Year.<sup>6</sup>
  - In 2018-18 commencements reached 108, which has been a peak since 2013-14 where commencements were 100.
  - Training completions decreased in 2017-18 with 44 completions and were at their lowest number since 2013-14 when there were 66 completions.

<sup>1</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Census of Population and Housing 2016, Place of Usual Residence

<sup>2</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Labour Force Survey, Department of Jobs and Small Business, trend

<sup>3</sup> The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Jobs and Small Business.

<sup>4</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Cat. No. 9309.0, *Motor Vehicle Census Australia*, Table 1: January 2018

<sup>5</sup> Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), 2013, Version 1.2 (Alternatively, AQF Certificate IV OR at least three years of relevant experience may substitute for a formal qualification. In some instances, relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification. Registration or licensing may be required.)

<sup>6</sup> National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), *Apprentices and Trainees*, June 2018, estimates (limited to Certificate III)