

# Fibrous Plasterer

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### Current labour market rating: Shortage

The majority of employers experienced difficulty filling vacancies for fibrous plasterer vacancies in Tasmania. Recruitment experiences were similar in metropolitan and regional areas.

### Key research findings<sup>1</sup>

- The majority of employers surveyed stated it is difficult to find qualified and suitable plasterers.
  - A quarter of all employers reported receiving no applications for their vacancies.
  - All surveyed employers reported that they filled vacancies via their networks rather than formal advertising.
- Fibrous plasterers do not require qualifications to work in the industry in Tasmania; however, a number of surveyed employers sought qualified applicants, particularly for vacancies in commercial construction.
- Employers considered applicants unsuitable due to not holding the required qualification, level of experience or failing a trial.

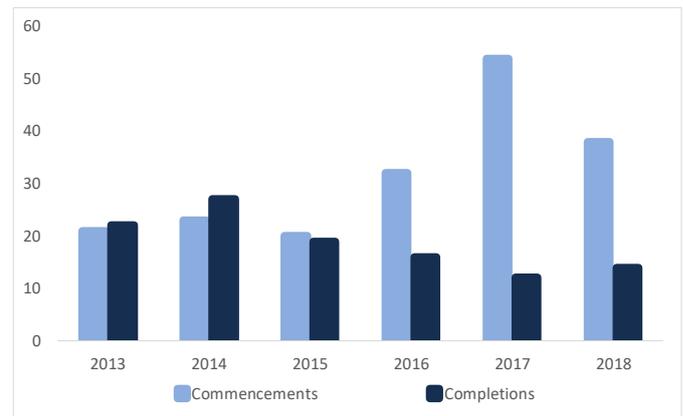
### Demand and supply

- Demand for fibrous plasterers is influenced by the level of activity in the building and construction industry, which has remained high since the last survey in 2017.
  - The value of building work approved (chain volume measures) in Tasmania increased by 29.1 per cent for the year to June 2018, compared to a decrease for Australia of 6.6 per cent over the same period.
  - Demand for fibrous plasterers is expected to increase due to projections for construction industry employment in Tasmania to grow by 6.0 per cent over the four years to May 2022 compared with 5.6 per cent for all industries.
  - Employers reported the labour market for fibrous plasterers in Tasmania is highly competitive due to a number of large construction projects offering attractive employment conditions and wages.

### 2018 Survey Results<sup>2</sup>



Figure 1: Apprentices and trainees commencements and completions, Fibrous Plasterer, March 2013 to 2018, estimates



- Formal training is through the apprenticeship system via a Certificate III in Wall and Ceiling Lining. In recent years fewer apprenticeships have been completed, although an increase in commencements suggests there may be additional supply in the future.
- According to the 2016 Census data 440 people identified as fibrous plasterers in Tasmania, 37.8 per cent were owner managers and 59.3 per cent were employees.
  - Most fibrous plasterers hold a qualification, with 69.9 per cent holding either a certificate III or higher.

<sup>1</sup> The Department of Jobs and Small Business supplemented this research by cold canvassing organisations as there were limited vacancies found in the lead-up to this report, and, as such, the findings should be used cautiously.

<sup>2</sup> The methodology underpinning this research is outlined at [Skill Shortage Research Methodology | Department of Jobs and Small Business](#).

Additional Data Sources: ABS, Building Approvals, Aug 2018; ABS, 2016 Census of Housing and Population; Department of Jobs and Small Business Employment Projections, Regional projections – five years to May 2022; National Centre for Vocational Education Research, National Apprentice and Trainee Collection, March 2018 estimates.