

WINDOW FURNISHING TECHNICIAN

ALSO KNOWN AS: **HOME IMPROVEMENT INSTALLER** **BLINDS AND AWNINGS MAKER AND INSTALLER**

SECURITY SCREEN MAKER AND INSTALLER **INSTALL AND SERVICE TECHNICIAN** **CURTAIN AND BLIND SPECIALIST**

DRAW BACK THE CURTAINS ON A CAREER THAT DRESSES WINDOWS IN STYLE.

As a Window Furnishing Technician, you'll be the maestro of light and privacy, orchestrating the perfect balance between form and function. Your expertise will transform bare windows into stunning focal points, framing views and enhancing interiors with every installation.

KEY SKILLS

Skills which may benefit anyone considering a job as a window furnishing technician include:

- ☑ Manual dexterity
- ☑ Problem solving
- ☑ Tool operation skills
- ☑ Measurement and mathematics
- ☑ Technical proficiency

CAREER PROGRESSION

In this role, you may have the opportunity to progress to other positions. Career progression opportunities include:

- Team Leader
- Business Manager
- Process Operator
- Production Planner

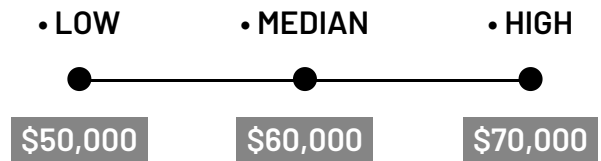
VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

Values and attributes of anyone considering a job as a window furnishing technician include:

- ☑ Creative
- ☑ Professional
- ☑ Precision
- ☑ Adaptable
- ☑ Safety-conscious
- ☑ Realistic - "Do-er"

SALARY EXPECTATION

The expected salary for a Window Furnishing Technician can vary across different areas of manufacturing and may vary as you become more experienced.



RELATED INDUSTRIES

- ▶ Furniture and Other Products

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Building and Construction Skills
- Engineering Skills

CORE SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- General Mathematics
- Essential English
- Furnishing Skills

JOB OVERVIEW

Window Furnishings Technicians are skilled professionals who specialise in the manufacturing, installation, and repair of various window treatments, including shutters, blinds, curtains, awnings, screens, and grilles. This dynamic role requires a blend of technical expertise, aesthetic sensibility, and excellent interpersonal skills to meet and exceed client expectations.

In this position, you'll be at the forefront of interior design trends, working on diverse projects in both residential and commercial settings. Your days will be filled with a variety of tasks, from precise measurements and custom fabrication to expert installation and client education.

A typical day for a window furnishing technician might involve consulting with clients, taking precise measurements, advising on suitable window treatment options, custom-fitting materials, and installing furnishings. The role requires attention to detail, problem-solving skills, and the ability to work at heights while ensuring a perfect fit and finish.

The tangible results of your work will provide immediate satisfaction, as you leave each project with beautifully enhanced spaces and happy customers.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

In this role, your duties may include:

1. Manufacture window furnishings to exact specifications, ensuring quality and precision in every product.
2. Expertly install various types of window treatments using appropriate tools and techniques.
3. Conduct site visits to assess client needs, provide recommendations, and offer quotes for window furnishing solutions.
4. Perform repairs and maintenance on existing window treatments to extend their lifespan and functionality.
5. Conduct thorough inspections of manufactured products and installations to ensure they meet high-quality standards.

HOW TO BECOME A WINDOW FURNISHING TECHNICIAN

Becoming a Window Furnishing Technician typically involves a combination of training and on-the-job experience. While formal qualifications are not always mandatory, they can be beneficial. Here's a general pathway to enter this specialised profession:

1. Complete Year 10 or equivalent, with a focus on mathematics and design subjects. Consider undertaking a Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (MEM20422) while at school to gain some entry-level skills.
2. Research potential employers in your area via a search engine, social media or job site. Even if there are no jobs advertised with the employer you're interested in, it can be a good idea to send a cover letter with your resume expressing your interest.
3. Gain practical experience through a traineeship or entry-level position with a window furnishing company
4. Develop skills in customer service and interior design principles
5. Stay updated on the latest trends and technologies in window treatments

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

A traineeship is the best pathway to gain employment as a Window Furnishing Technician. You can undertake the following qualification as a traineeship:

- Certificate III Certificate III in Blinds, Awnings, Security Screens and Grilles (MSF30919)

As a trainee you will combine work with formal training, allowing you to gain practical skills and knowledge in a specific industry while earning a salary.

Duration: Traineeships typically last between 12 to 24 months, depending on the specific program and whether you are working full-time or part-time.

Work and study combination: As a trainee, you will work either full-time or part-time while receiving formal training from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Eligibility: Generally, traineeships do not require formal qualifications to enter, making them accessible to a wide range of individuals, including if you are a school leaver or someone looking to change careers.

Completion: On completion you will receive a nationally recognised qualification, showcasing your skill and experience.

Skills, qualifications, accreditations and licences

Window Furnishing Technicians may choose to pursue other training or certifications, licences and tickets. Qualifications and skills may be required to progress to supervisor or team leader positions.

To install security screens or erect shade sails, licences are required.

If you are looking to advance your career in leadership roles, the following qualifications may be relevant:

- Certificate IV in Leadership and Management (BSB40520)
- Certificate IV in Business (BSB40120)

UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION

University education is not typically required for Window Furnishing Technicians, as the profession is primarily skills-based and learned through vocational training and on-the-job experience. However, for those looking to advance into design-focused roles or management positions, relevant degree programs might include:

- Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Interior Architecture)

While these degrees are not necessary for most window furnishing positions, they can provide valuable knowledge in advanced design principles, project management, and business operations. This broader understanding can be beneficial for those aiming to take on senior roles in large interior design firms, start their own window furnishing businesses, or transition into related fields such as interior design or home staging.