PROCESS WORKER

ALSO KNOWN AS: PROCESS LINE WORKER | FACTORY PROCESS WORKER | MANUFACTURING PROCESS WORKER

IT ALL STARTS IN MANUFACTURING.

As a process worker you will enjoy physical and active work and look forward to playing a vital role in the manufacturing flow of new, and useful products.

KEY SKILLS

Skills which may benefit anyone considering a job as a process worker include:

- Communication skills
- People Skills
- Record keeping
- Manual handling
- Problem solving

VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

Values and attributes of anyone considering a job as a process worker include:

- Precision
- Accountable
- Reliable
- Efficient
- Physical stamina
- Realistic – "Do-er"

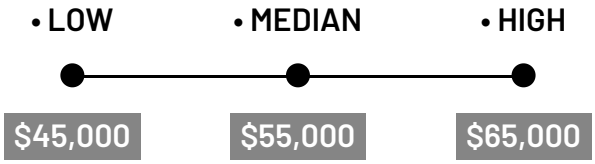
CAREER PROGRESSION

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

- Team Leader
- Process Operator
- Production Operator
- Warehouse Operator

SALARY EXPECTATION

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



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RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Engineering Skills
- Furnishing Skills
- Industrial Technology Skills
- Science in Practice

CORE SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Essential Mathematics
- Essential English

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JOB OVERVIEW

Process workers are committed to optimising a process in a manufacturing sequence. You will add value by creating new and useful products for businesses or consumers. Typically, as a process worker, you will be responsible for inspecting and assembling products.

As a process worker, you'll have the opportunity to work with specialised, cutting-edge technology, where you'll create, assemble, and inspect products made from a variety of materials.

Factory process workers play crucial roles in various manufacturing industries, each with unique responsibilities and environments. Cement and concrete workers mix materials outdoors, while chemical plant staff work indoors with strict controls. Clay, textile, and footwear workers shape products in specific conditions. Glass workers handle hot materials, and hide processors deal with strong odours. Recycling staff sort materials in various settings. Despite their differences, these workers share needs for attention to detail, physical stamina, and safety awareness. Their work contributes to making everyday items from building materials to clothes and household goods.

If you're accountable and enjoy developing routine – this occupation might be for you.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

As a process worker, your role may include:

1. Being responsible for inspecting and assembling products
2. Ensuring order fulfilment, packing and wrapping items for shipment
3. Playing an important role in record keeping and reporting, and safety maintenance
4. Being the first line of defence for product quality control, inspecting products for quality and consistency, identifying defects or issues and reporting them to supervisors.
5. Working closely with team members to make everything run smoothly.

HOW TO BECOME A PROCESS WORKER

Becoming a process worker offers an exciting entry point into the diverse world of manufacturing. While formal qualifications can be beneficial, many employers value hands-on experience and offer comprehensive on-the-job training. To get started:

- Complete high school, focusing on subjects like industrial technology, mechanical engineering.
- Look for entry-level positions in manufacturing or industrial settings. Experience with machinery operation, maintenance, or quality control can be valuable, although is often not mandatory.
- If you have an interest, or some basic experience in a role like this, you can apply directly to an employer. 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.
- Most manufacturers will provide on-the-job training for new process workers.

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Process workers may choose to pursue training or may be required to hold certifications, licences and tickets. Qualifications and skills may be required to progress to supervisor or team leader positions.

While not mandatory, useful qualifications for this role may include:

- Certificate II in Manufacturing Technology (MSM20216)
- Certificate II in Process Manufacturing (MSM20116)

Qualifications that may support progression in this role include:

- Certificate III in Process Manufacturing (MSM30116)

UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION

Holding a degree in human resources, finance, economics, marketing or management can be helpful if you are considering taking a step into leadership or a business ownership position.

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