PRODUCTION OPERATOR

ALSO KNOWN AS: PRODUCTION WORKER | PROCESS LINE WORKER | PRODUCTION LINE WORKER | MACHINE OPERATOR

BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION.

Use your skills to help transform raw materials into new and interesting creations. As a production operator, you will enjoy hands-on work with the latest technology and software, and use your technical skills and attention to detail to manage and maintain production processes and high-quality outputs.

KEY SKILLS

Skills which may benefit anyone considering a job as a production operator include:

- Attention to detail
- Communication skills
- Manual handling
- Problem solving
- Technical proficiency

VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

Values and attributes of anyone considering a job as a production operator include:

- Precision
- Efficient
- Accountable
- Physical stamina
- Team Player
- Realistic – "Do-er"

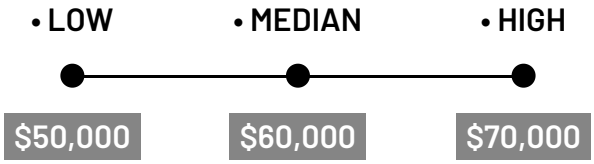
CAREER PROGRESSION

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

- Operations Manager
- Production Planner
- Quality Assurance Officer
- Team Leader

SALARY EXPECTATION

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



RELATED INDUSTRIES

- Chemicals, Hydrocarbons and Refining
- Pulp, Paper and Packaging

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

Production operators are invaluable to the manufacturing industry, ensuring things get done, and done correctly. Well-suited to team players with high attention to detail, production operators value responsibility, and enjoy a tangible result from a day's work.

As a production operator in general manufacturing and engineering, you will work with a variety of different materials including metal, chemicals, timber, plastics and rubber, cardboard and more, to produce components or completed products.

You will be responsible for operating machinery, assembling products, quality control, packaging, transporting materials, maintenance, and you will have a crucial role modelling and maintaining safety compliance. This job will see you have clear performance targets, and complete process-focused work.

If you're process-driven, can follow directions and prioritise safety, you will thrive in this job – completing each day, and taking home a sense of achievement that targets have been met.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Your role may include duties as follows:

- Safely operate and monitor production equipment and machinery to ensure efficient production processes.
- Inspect products for quality and consistency, identifying defects or issues and reporting them to supervisors.
- Participate in assembly line tasks, including assembling components, packaging products, and preparing items for shipment.
- Keep the work area clean and organised, adhering to safety and sanitation standards to ensure a safe working environment.
- Adhere to production schedules and follow detailed instructions and protocols to meet production targets and deadlines.

This role is perfect for people who value precision, efficiency and realised outcomes. Equally, it's a good introduction to the manufacturing industry as you observe, participate and appreciate the importance of maintaining high standards.

HOW TO BECOME A PRODUCTION OPERATOR

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.

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Production Operators 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 Engineering Pathways (MEM20422)
- Certificate II in Manufacturing Technology (MSM20216)
- Certificate II in Process Manufacturing (MSM20116)
- Certificate II in Engineering – Production Technology (MEM20219)
- Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways (MSF20522)

Qualifications that may support progression in this role include:

- Certificate III in Engineering (MEM30219)
- 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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