

STOREPERSON

ALSO KNOWN AS:

INVENTORY CONTROLLER

STOCK CLERK

MATERIALS HANDLER

BE THE VITAL LINK.

In the dynamic world of manufacturing, storepersons are the vital link between raw materials and finished products. They're the masters of inventory management, ensuring that production lines never run dry and that every component is accounted for in the intricate dance of modern manufacturing.

KEY SKILLS

Skills which may benefit anyone considering a job as a storeperson include:

- ☑ Inventory Management
- ☑ Material handling expertise
- ☑ Quality control awareness
- ☑ Manufacturing process knowledge
- ☑ Production knowledge

CAREER PROGRESSION

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

- Team Leader
- Process Improvement Analyst
- Safety Inspector
- Compliance and Safety Officer

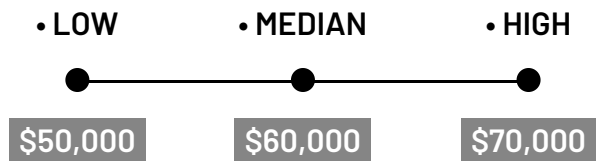
VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

Values and attributes of anyone considering a job as a storeperson include:

- ☑ Precision
- ☑ Adaptable
- ☑ Proactive
- ☑ Efficient
- ☑ Safety-conscious
- ☑ Conventional – "Organiser"

SALARY EXPECTATION

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



RELATED INDUSTRIES

- ▶ Aerospace and Defence ▶ Chemicals, Hydrocarbons and Refining ▶ Food and Beverage ▶ Furniture and Other Products
- ▶ General Manufacturing and Engineering ▶ Meat and Seafood Processing ▶ Pharmaceutical and Medical Technology
- ▶ Polymers, Plastic and Rubber ▶ Printing and Graphic arts ▶ Pulp, Paper and Packaging ▶ Renewables ▶ Textiles, Clothing and Footwear
- ▶ Timber and Wood ▶ Transport Equipment and Machinery

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

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

CORE SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Essential Mathematics
- Essential English

JOB OVERVIEW

Storepersons in manufacturing play a crucial role in maintaining the smooth flow of materials and components within factories and production facilities. They are responsible for receiving, storing, and distributing a wide variety of raw materials, parts, and finished products, ensuring that production lines have everything they need to operate efficiently.

These skilled professionals use a range of equipment specific to manufacturing environments, including automated storage and retrieval systems (AS/RS), barcode scanners, and inventory management software tailored for production settings. They need to be proficient in operating these tools while maintaining a keen understanding of manufacturing processes and component requirements. Physical stamina is important, as the job often involves handling heavy materials and navigating busy factory floors.

In a typical day, a manufacturing storeperson might receive shipments of raw materials, verify their quality and quantity, update digital inventory systems, prepare kits for assembly lines, and manage the storage of finished products awaiting shipment. They often work closely with production planners, quality control teams, and logistics personnel to ensure that material flow aligns perfectly with production schedules. Their work directly impacts the efficiency of manufacturing operations, making them an essential part of the production ecosystem.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Your role may include duties as follows:

1. Manage inventory of raw materials, components, and finished products
2. Prepare and distribute materials to production lines as needed
3. Operate material handling equipment such as forklifts and conveyor systems
4. Maintain accurate records using manufacturing-specific inventory software
5. Collaborate with production teams to optimise material flow and storage

HOW TO BECOME A STOREPERSON

Becoming a storeperson in manufacturing typically doesn't require formal qualifications to start, but having knowledge of manufacturing processes can be advantageous. On-the-job training is usually provided, and there are opportunities for further education and skill development. Here are some steps to become a storeperson in manufacturing:

- Complete Year 12 or equivalent education, preferably with subjects in mathematics and technology
- Obtain relevant licences such as forklift operation certification
- Consider completing a Certificate II in Manufacturing Technology or Warehousing Operations
- Research potential employers online and apply for advertised positions. If you're interested in working for a specific company without current job openings, proactively submit your resume and a letter of interest.
- Apply for entry-level positions at manufacturing companies
- Undertake on-the-job training in manufacturing-specific inventory management systems and safety protocols

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

While not always required, vocational education and training can significantly enhance your skills and career prospects in manufacturing logistics. Here are some relevant qualifications:

- Certificate II in Manufacturing Technology (MSM20216)
- Certificate II in Supply Chain Operations (TLI20421)

For those looking to advance into leadership roles or specialise further:

- Certificate III in Competitive Systems and Practices (MSS30322)
- Diploma of Manufacturing Technology (MSM50316)
- Diploma of Logistics (TLI50224)

UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION

University education is not typically required for entry-level storeperson positions in manufacturing. However, for those looking to advance into management roles or specialised positions within manufacturing logistics, a university degree can be beneficial.