

FLOORING TECHNICIAN

ALSO KNOWN AS: **FLOOR LAYER** **CARPET INSTALLER** **FLOORING INSTALLER** **FLOOR COVERING TECHNICIAN**

FLOORING SPECIALIST

CRAFTING FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE'S KEY MOMENTS.

Cover a lot of ground with a career as a flooring technician. You will transform raw materials into stunning surfaces that define and redefine spaces. You won't just lay floors; you will make the foundation for life's most important moments.

KEY SKILLS

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

- ☑ Attention to detail
- ☑ Equipment operation
- ☑ Technical proficiency
- ☑ Blueprint interpretation
- ☑ Problem solving

CAREER PROGRESSION

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

- Team Leader
- Cabinet Maker
- Glass and Glazing Fabricator
- Window and Door Fabricator

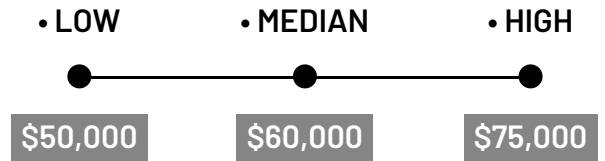
VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

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

- ☑ Quality-focused
- ☑ Safety-conscious
- ☑ Physical stamina
- ☑ Adaptable
- ☑ Focus
- ☑ Realistic - "Do-er"

SALARY EXPECTATION

The expected salary for a Flooring 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

Flooring technicians play a vital role in the construction and renovation industries, specialising in the installation, repair, and maintenance of various types of flooring materials. Their work contributes significantly to the aesthetics, comfort, and functionality of residential, commercial, and industrial spaces.

These skilled professionals work with a wide range of materials, including carpet, hardwood, laminate, vinyl, and tile. They must possess a deep understanding of different flooring types, subfloor preparation techniques, and installation methods. Flooring technicians use a variety of tools, from basic hand tools to specialised equipment like power stretchers and floor sanders.

A typical day for a flooring technician might involve assessing job sites, preparing surfaces, measuring and cutting materials, and installing flooring according to specifications. The role requires physical stamina, attention to detail, and problem-solving skills to overcome challenges such as uneven subfloors or complex room layouts.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Your role may include duties as follows:

1. Operate and maintain machinery to manufacture various types of flooring materials according to specifications.
2. Inspect manufactured flooring products to ensure they meet quality standards and compliance requirements.
3. Interpret technical drawings and prepare detailed installation plans, including accurate measurements and material calculations.
4. Depending on the selected material, you'll be using hand-tools to ensure the material fits. The installation process will involve site preparation, levelling, cleaning, and then the install itself. Depending on the porosity of the materials, or the actual material, you may also be required to stain, seal, grout or polish.
5. Clients will rely on you to fix wear and tear and accidental damage.

HOW TO BECOME A FLOORING TECHNICIAN

Becoming a flooring technician typically involves a combination of vocational training and on-the-job experience. Here's a general pathway to enter this hands-on profession:

1. Complete Year 10 or equivalent, with a focus on mathematics and technical subjects
2. Consider completing a Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways (MSF20522) or similar qualification
3. 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.
4. Obtain any necessary licenses or certifications required in your state or territory.
5. Consider specialising in specific flooring types or techniques to enhance your career prospects.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Vocational education and training are essential for aspiring Flooring Technicians. These programs provide the technical knowledge and practical skills required to excel in the field. An apprenticeship is the best pathway to employment as a flooring technician. You can undertake the following qualifications as an apprentice:

- Certificate III in Flooring Technology (MSF30822)

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

Duration: Apprenticeships typically last up to four years for full-time participants. Part-time apprenticeships may take longer, depending on the individual's work schedule and training progress.

Work and study combination: As an apprentice, you will work either full-time or part-time while receiving formal training from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). School-based apprenticeships may be available.

Eligibility: Generally, apprenticeships do not require any 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. There are minimum age requirements and there may be other eligibility criteria.

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

Skills, qualifications, accreditations and licences

Flooring 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.

For those looking to advance into leadership roles or deepen their expertise:

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

UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION

University education is not typically required for flooring 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 management roles or start their own flooring business, relevant degree programs might include:

- Bachelor of Construction Management
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management)

While these degrees are not necessary for most flooring technician positions, they can provide valuable knowledge in project management, business operations, and advanced construction techniques. This broader understanding can be beneficial for those aiming to take on supervisory roles, manage large-scale projects, or run their own flooring business.