

TEXTILE MACHINIST

ALSO KNOWN AS:

GARMENT MACHINIST

TEXTILE MACHINE OPERATOR

APPAREL STITCHER

INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINIST

EMBROIDERY MACHINE OPERATOR

SAMPLE MACHINIST

STEP INTO THE FAST-PACED WORLD OF FASHION AND TEXTILE PRODUCTION.

Be the skilled hands behind the seams that bring designer visions to life, as a Textile Machinist. In this dynamic role, you'll transform flat fabrics into three-dimensional wearable art, mastering state-of-the-art machinery to create everything from haute couture to everyday essentials. Your precision and creativity will be the thread that weaves together the fabric of the fashion industry, making you an indispensable part of the garment manufacturing process.

KEY SKILLS

Skills which may benefit anyone considering a job as a textile machinist include:

- ☑ Attention to detail
- ☑ Hand-eye coordination
- ☑ Problem solving
- ☑ Equipment proficiency
- ☑ Pattern interpretation
- ☑ Time management

CAREER PROGRESSION

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

- Production Planner
- Fashion Designer
- Business Manager
- Marine Sailmaker

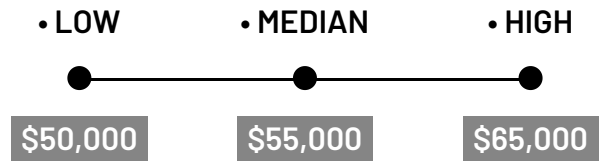
VALUES & ATTRIBUTES

Values and attributes of anyone considering a job as a textile machinist include:

- ☑ Attention to detail
- ☑ Innovative
- ☑ Continuous learning
- ☑ Technical Aptitude
- ☑ Team Player
- ☑ Realistic - "Do-er"

SALARY EXPECTATION

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



RELATED INDUSTRIES

- ▶ Textiles, Clothing and Footwear

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Visual Arts
- Visual Arts in Practice

CORE SCHOOL SUBJECTS

- Essential Mathematics
- Essential English
- Design
- Fashion

JOB OVERVIEW

As a Textile Machinist, you are the backbone of the clothing and textile production industry. Your expertise lies in operating and maintaining a variety of industrial sewing machines to produce high-quality garments and textile products. You'll work with diverse materials, from delicate silks to sturdy denims, adapting your techniques to suit each fabric's unique properties.

Your workspace will typically be a bustling production floor, filled with the hum of sewing machines and the energy of creative collaboration. You'll often work as part of a team, coordinating with pattern makers, cutters, and quality control specialists to ensure each piece meets exacting standards.

In this role, you'll need to combine technical skill with an eye for detail and a passion for craftsmanship. You'll be responsible for interpreting patterns, assembling garment pieces, and applying various sewing techniques to create finished products. As the fashion industry evolves, you'll also need to stay abreast of new technologies and sustainable practices, contributing to more efficient and eco-friendly production methods.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

In this role, you will:

1. Operate and maintain various types of industrial sewing machines
2. Interpret and follow patterns and work orders to assemble garments
3. Perform intricate sewing techniques such as topstitching, buttonholing, and zipper installation
4. Adjust machine settings for different fabrics and sewing operations
5. Conduct quality checks on finished products and make necessary adjustments

HOW TO BECOME A TEXTILE MACHINIST

Becoming a Textile Machinist typically requires a combination of education and practical experience.

If you are at school, you may be able to complete a Certificate II in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles (MST20722). This qualification will give you a good introduction to the occupation and the foundation skills required.

A traineeship is available for this role.

You can also apply directly to employers in the textile manufacturing industry. Research potential employers via job search engines, industry associations, or company websites. Even if there are no jobs advertised, it can be a good idea to send a cover letter with your resume expressing your interest.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Whether you're starting your journey or looking to upskill, there are multiple entry points and career progression opportunities available through vocational education and training.

Vocational education and training – traineeship

A traineeship offers hands-on experience while providing a solid foundation for a career in the industry. You can undertake the following qualification/s as traineeships:

- Certificate III in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles (Textiles Technician) (MST31022)

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.

Advancing your career

Choosing to advance your career offers exciting opportunities for growth and specialisation. As you gain experience and skills through entry-level positions or initial qualifications, you can explore higher-level vocational education and training options to elevate your expertise. These qualifications can open doors to senior roles allowing you to take on more responsibility, as well as offering a foundation for further education.

To advance your career, or deepen your knowledge in this industry, consider the following qualifications:

- Certificate IV in Textile Design and Technology (MST40122)
- Diploma of Apparel, Fashion and Textiles (MST50122)
- Advanced Diploma of Apparel, Fashion and Textiles (MST60122)

Successful completion of higher-level vocational education and training programs may facilitate your entry into university courses, should you choose to further your academic pursuits.

UNIVERSITY & HIGHER EDUCATION

While not typically required for this role, further education can open doors to advanced positions in the fashion industry:

- Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising
- Bachelor of Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Textile Design and Development

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