



## What is a Landscaper?

A landscaper is not a gardener. Landscapers plan, design, construct and maintain landscape areas for private homes, schools, commercial buildings and precincts, roadsides and streetscapes, parklands, irrigation systems and water features. Landscapers set out and install hardscape and softscape structures and prepare growing sites and lawn areas for planting. They often work for local councils, landscaping companies or for themselves as an independent contractor available for hire. Landscapers need a high degree of fitness to be able to carry out the work they do, which can be very physically demanding.

## What does the job involve?

- **Setting out** landscape works
- **Building** retaining walls and constructing decking/pergolas
- **Installing** irrigation and drainage
- **Building** landscape features with concrete, timber, brick, stone and metal
- **Paving**
- **Operating** specialised machinery and equipment

## How do I get into this career?

The most common pathway is via an apprenticeship. However, a landscaper can start as a Trade Assistant or Labourer, then, after a few years, have their skills assessed through a process called Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to obtain the trade qualification.

## What training should I do?



## More information

Visit the Job Outlook website at [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)

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