



### What is an Occupational and Environmental Health Professional?

Occupational and environmental health professionals help create safe and healthy workplaces by developing programs to identify and control risks at work and in the environment. They also assist injured staff to get back to work safely.

### What does the job involve?

- **Inspecting** and auditing workplaces and processes to make sure they're safe
- **Developing** and reviewing workplace and environmental health management plans
- **Promoting** ergonomic principles in the workplace, including matching furniture, equipment and work activities to the needs of employees
- **Training** employees to wear protective equipment and practice safe working procedures
- **Recording** and investigating injuries and equipment damage, and reporting on safety performance
- **Coordinating** the return of injured workers into the workplace
- **Implementing** prevention programs and strategies for potential hazards in the workplace, including infectious diseases, food safety, water quality and treatment of hazardous substances
- **Developing** plans and strategies to dispose of commercial, industrial, medical and household wastes safely
- **Advising** on and enforcing legislation

### How do I get into this career?

A Bachelor Degree or higher, or at least five years of relevant experience, is usually needed. Sometimes you will need relevant experience or on-the-job training in addition to a qualification. Registration or licensing may also be required.

### What should I study?



### More information

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

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