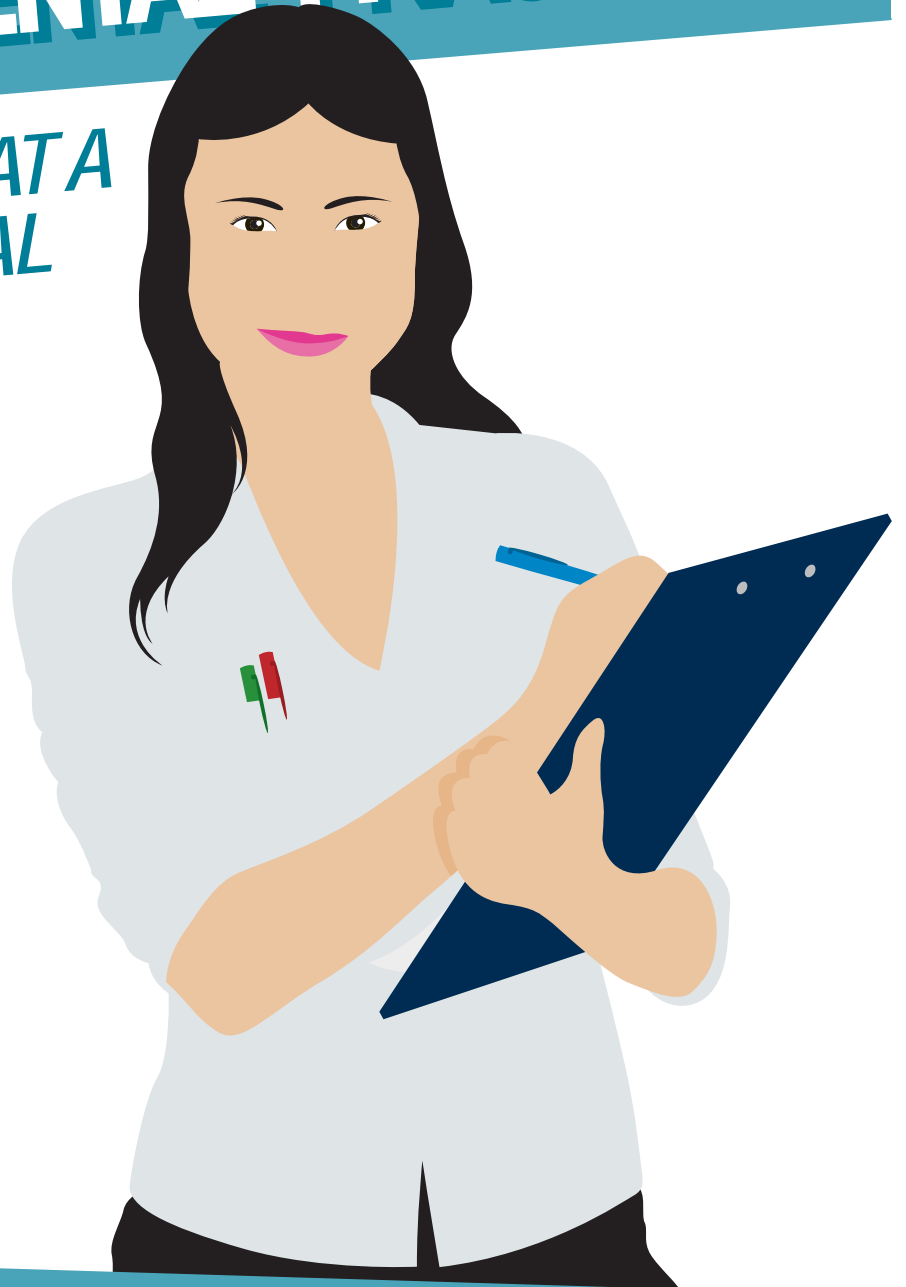


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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND BUILDING SURVEYING

There are a wide range of environmental health and building surveying careers available in Local Government.

Environmental Health Officers look after the health of the community and maintain public health standards. Building Surveyors are responsible for ensuring buildings are safe.

In large councils, these jobs are generally separate. In smaller local governments, the roles may be combined, therefore experience working in both fields is highly desirable. Some councils may share environmental health officers between them. The growth area in Environmental Health is in waste management and recycling.

An environmental health officer may do any of the following:

- Inspect premises where food is prepared
- Monitor tattooists and hairdressers to prevent the spread of blood-transmitted diseases
- Ensure overcrowding doesn't occur in nightclubs, taverns and other public buildings
- Test drinking water and pollution levels in lakes, rivers and pools

Building surveyors are involved in assessing building applications and conducting inspections during construction.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are many ways to move into environmental health and building surveying roles in councils. Some options include:

- Applying for a cadetship or traineeship with a council and studying while you work
- Moving into an environmental health and building surveying role from another area within council (eg administration, customer service)
- Completing a university or vocational qualification prior to working in council

Not all jobs in environmental health and building assessment need university degrees. Many of the vocational education and training courses offered by TAFE and other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) will articulate into degrees, if you choose to take your education further.

Examples of qualifications you might consider are:

- Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health) – University of Western Sydney
- Diploma of Building Surveying - TAFE or private provider
- Diploma of Local Government (Environmental Health & Building Assessment) – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate III, IV or Diploma of Local Government (Environment and Health) – TAFE or private RTO

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT...

- www.lgsa-plus.net.au and www.careergov.com.au to learn more about careers in local government
- www.counciljobs.com to look at jobs currently available in local government
- www.goingtouni.gov.au to see the range of university courses available
- www.tafensw.edu.au to find out more about TAFE courses in NSW
- www.counciljobs.com to look at the jobs currently available in local government
- www.sbatinnsw.info to find out more about school-based traineeships in NSW
- www.lgsa.org.au to locate all councils across NSW

Remember, council job opportunities are advertised in local and national newspapers.