

WANT TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE?



WHY NOT LOOK AT A CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

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There are a wide range of Planning and Development careers available in Local Government.

One of the most important functions of Local Government is managing the use of land and providing the physical facilities and services required in communities. This role is performed by Town Planners. 60 to 70 per cent of all Planners work for councils at some stage in their careers.

Town Planners are highly sought after by all councils. Growth areas such as fringe metropolitan areas and regional centres have a particular demand for Planning staff. In inner suburbs, Planners might be involved in revitalising older suburbs.

Virtually all councils employ Planners. In the larger councils there are teams of Planners, providing the opportunity to work in areas such as Strategic Planning, Development Control and Environmental Planning. Small councils may employ a single Planner.

As a first year practicing Planner you are likely to have the opportunity to work on development applications, changes of zoning/land use and influence such matters as housing policy, streetscape and urban design.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are a number of pathways into planning and development roles in councils. Some options include:

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

Some jobs in Planning and Development do not require a university degree. There are vocational education and training courses offered by TAFE and other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) which will articulate into degrees, if you choose to take your education further.

Examples of qualifications you might consider are:

- Master of Urban and Regional Planning – University of Sydney
- Bachelor of Planning – Macquarie University and University of NSW
- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning – University of New England
- Diploma in Town Planning – University of New England
- Diploma of Local Government (Planning) – TAFE or private RTO
- Diploma of Local Government (Environmental Health & Building Assessment) – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate IV in Planning – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate II in Local Government (available as a school-based traineeship) – 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.