



Skills in demand



Skills shortages

When there aren't enough people with the specialist skills that are needed to do a particular kind of work, the result is known as a skill in demand or skill shortage.

There are many reasons why skills can be in demand and the kind of skills in demand in can vary from place to place.

List reasons why skills shortages can happen

How can skills in demand be useful for job seekers

How do I find out what skills are in demand?

- Look at the numbers of advertisements for a particular job in the classified section of the newspaper
- Explore websites that provide this information
- Explore developing technologies and consider predictions of growth areas in the future

and _____

Remember

- Just because a skill is in demand, doesn't mean you can automatically get a job in that area. You still need the specialised skills required.
- Areas in demand now, may not be in demand in future. You need to think about whether they will still be in demand when you finish your training.
- When exploring skills shortage information look at how old the data is that is being used to identify the shortages.
- If you don't have the skills that are in demand, there might be an opportunity to get an entry-level job in a skill-in-demand field. This will let you develop your skills on the job.
- Don't choose a skill in demand just because it's in demand. You need to consider jobs that actually interest you.



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Careers



Using information about job prospects and skill shortages, complete the table.

Career	Nationally in demand (yes or no)	In demand in Victoria (yes or no)	In demand near where I live (yes or no)	In demand in 5 years (yes or no)	Why?
Mechanic					
Aged care attendant					
Architect					
Games developer					
Truck Driver					
Nurse					
Carpenter					
Bank teller					
Mining engineer					
Child care worker					
Chef					

My predictions

Name and describe a job that does not exist now, but may exist in 10 years time
