



ELECTRONIC SECURITY

Locksmith

Career level



Job Description

As a Locksmith, you will be responsible for providing locksmith services to clients, including residential, commercial, and automotive locksmithing.

Locksmiths install, adjust, repair and replace locks and associated security devices and systems for residential, automotive and commercial customers.

Career opportunities for Locksmiths are numerous, and as a qualified Locksmith, in this fast-paced industry, you will have many employment or business opportunities, across a variety of sectors government, private and corporate. You will be able to continue to upskill and progress in your career in whatever direction you choose.



On the Job

As a Locksmith, you will work across a variety of client sites, working inside or outside. Among the day-to-day job responsibilities include:

- Providing locksmith services to clients in a professional and efficient manner.
- Performing lock installation, repair, and maintenance for residential, commercial, and automotive properties.
- Responding to emergency lockout situations promptly and effectively.
- Utilising a variety of tools and techniques to gain access to locked doors, safes, and vehicles.
- Assessing and diagnose lock and key issues, offering appropriate solutions and recommendations.
- Cutting new keys and duplicate existing ones using key-cutting machines.
- Rekeying locks to ensure security and restrict unauthorised access.
- Installing and repairing security systems, including electronic locks and keyless entry systems.
- Maintaining accurate records of services rendered, including client information and work performed.
- Staying updated with the latest industry trends, technologies, and security protocols.
- Providing excellent customer service, addressing client concerns and ensuring their satisfaction.
- Adhering to safety guidelines and maintain a clean and organised work environment.

Salary & Benefits

Your starting salary can vary because of factors like level of experience, training, or location. Your salary as a Locksmith will increase over time as you build skills, knowledge and experience.

Weekly Pay: \$1,250 – \$1,700

Annual Pay: \$65,000 – \$90,000

Hours per week: 38

Hourly Pay: \$30.00 – \$45.00



Entry Qualifications & Training

Being part of the security industry requires an individual to undertake his/her responsibility with a high degree of professionalism.

The requirements to become a Locksmith include:

- Must be 18+ years old
- Meet probity requirements and criminal record checks
- Completion of Certificate III in Locksmithing



Career Progression

With time and experience as a Locksmith you can progress to a Senior Locksmith, Residential/Commercial Locksmith or start your own locksmithing business. As you progress further you can specialise in specific areas of locksmithing such as:

- Automotive Locksmithing
- Forensic Locksmithing
- Safe/Vault Locksmithing
- Master Key System
- Electronic Locks



Experience & Skills Required

Among the useful skills to highlight to your employer when applying for a Locksmith role include:

- Must have a natural ability and interest in understanding the mechanics of locks and keys.
- Excellent hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills are essential for manipulating lock mechanisms and working with small tools.
- Locksmiths often encounter complex lock systems and challenging situations that require analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- Precision and meticulousness are crucial when working with delicate lock components and ensuring the accuracy of key duplications or repairs.
- Trainee locksmiths should possess effective communication skills to interact with clients, understand their needs, and provide clear explanations about lock-related issues.
- Familiarity with distinct types of locks, key cutting machines, and locksmith tools is important for a trainee to gain hands-on experience and carry out locksmithing tasks.
- The role of a locksmith can involve physical work such as installing or repairing locks, carrying equipment, and manoeuvring in confined spaces, so a reasonable level of fitness is beneficial.
- Locksmithing often requires time-consuming efforts, especially when dealing with complex lockouts or security systems. Being patient and persistent in finding solutions is crucial.
- Locksmiths often have access to sensitive areas and information, so integrity, confidentiality, and trustworthiness are essential traits.
- Staying updated with the latest advancements in lock technology, security systems, and industry practices is important for a trainee locksmith to grow professionally.

Getting Started

Locksmith jobs are advertised under different job titles and can be found on online jobs or directly by employers. When looking on job boards, look for the following types of job:

**Locksmith
Qualified Locksmith**

Useful Organisations and Links

- **ASIAL**
asial.com.au
- **Security Licensing Information**
asial.com.au/security_licensing_information
- **Security Training Requirements**
training.gov.au/Training/Details/ CPP
- **ASIAL Contact Information**
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