A SECURE CAREER

Everything You Need to Know
About a Career in Security

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Introducing the Security Industry!

The Australian security industry offers a wide range of exciting and fulfilling career options and opportunities for school leavers. When you are evaluating the security industry as a potential career path, here are seven key factors that can help you in your assessment.

Useful organisations and links to help you get started

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1. Job Availability

The private security industry in Australia is robust generating revenues of more than $11 billion per year, performing a vital role as part of the Australian economy. As a dynamic and growing industry employing over 200,000 professionals, as a force multiplier the industry performs a crucial role in safeguarding the Australian community.

Security personnel are required across all sectors of the economy, from state and federal government agencies, retail, hospitality, manufacturing, transport, telecommunications, energy, hospitals, mining, entertainment and more. What this means is that there are an enormous range of opportunities available.

2. Diverse Roles

The security industry encompasses a wide range of roles and positions. In the Protective Security sector these include Security Officer, Concierge, Security Consultant, Aviation Screening Officer, Cash in Transit Officer, Loss Prevention Officer, Private Investigator, Compliance Officer, Crowd Controller and Security Consultant.

In the Electronic Security sector this ranges from Trainee Security Technician, Trainee Locksmith to Senior Security Technician, Monitoring Centre Operator, Estimation/Sales, Project/Contract Member, Engineering Manager, Trainer, or IT/Cybersecurity Manager.

This diversity allows individuals to choose a role that aligns with their personality, interests and skill set.

3. Career Progression

The security industry offers opportunities for career growth and advancement through a range of pathways. Starting as a Security Officer in Protective Security, you can gain experience and progress to supervisory or managerial positions. Or, with further specialised training, education and certifications, you can pursue roles in areas such as risk management and security consulting.

Starting as a Trainee Security Technician you can progress to a Senior Security Technician, manager or business owner in a sector that embraces rapid technological change, with the growth of integrated systems technologies such as video surveillance, artificial intelligence, access control, biometrics, security systems and cybersecurity solutions, so future proofing the industry.

4. Training and Certification

Depending on the sector and role you choose to work in and your location, you will need to obtain relevant licenses and certifications. The security industry in NSW is regulated by the NSW Police Security Licensing Enforcement Directorate which sets out the training competencies required to obtain a licence. These competencies and certifications will enhance your employability and open doors to various career paths.

5. Skill Development

A career in the security industry will help you develop a wide range of important and transferable skills, including problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, teamwork, observation, conflict resolution, and attention to detail. These abilities are invaluable in many other professions, allowing for potential career shifts in the future. Your personality and skill sets will make you better suited to certain roles. For example, if you have strong customer service and communication skills you may be suited to a role as a Security Officer, whereas if you are technologically minded with a strong engineering interest, a role as a Security Technician may be a better fit.

6. Industry Specifics

The security industry is a critical industry requiring professional, ambitious individuals who can meet strict probity requirements.

The industry offers a wide range of roles that enable you to maximise your career progression and opportunities.

7. Job Satisfaction

For individuals wanting a rewarding and fulfilling career where what you do makes a real difference to the community, then the security industry is the one for you. Being able to contribute to maintaining public safety and preventing potential risks provides security personnel with an enormous sense of pride and satisfaction.

As you consider a career in the security industry, it is important to do your homework and understand the distinct roles available to suit your skill sets and career goals.

This will help you make an informed decision about whether the security industry aligns with your aspirations, personality and provides the opportunities you seek.

Did you know?

200,000+

professionals work in the private security industry – that's more than all Australia's police and defence forces combined.

The security industry utilises **innovative, cutting–edge technologies** such as video analytics, biometrics, cyber solutions, Artificial Intelligence, network engineering, access control and much more...

The security industry welcomes **diversity and inclusion** and has exciting roles across all sectors.

To be a licensed security professionals you need to hold a

security licence

The security industry generates annual revenues of over

$11 billion

The Australian security industry is a growing industry with forecast growth of

3% per year between now and 2028.

The industry provides the **opportunity to work in varied environments** and industry sectors, from government and commercial buildings, industrial sites to hospitals, critical infrastructure and airports, retail locations to residential homes.

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