

# Career Profile: Sustainability Consultant or Environmental Officer

Sustainability Consultants/Environmental Officers are responsible for addressing and finding solutions to issues such as reducing waste, mitigating the effects of global emissions and climate change, and protecting biodiversity.

## Qualification

Bachelor Degree in Sustainable Management Sector

## Sector

Residential / Civil / Commercial

## What might a working day look like? May perform tasks including:

- ▶ Developing sustainability plans to be implemented both during construction and for the operation of a site
- ▶ Evaluating and analysing sustainable practices to be used throughout a project such as waste management, water efficiency and sustainability implementation
- ▶ Performing environmental inspections and audits on sites using drones.
- ▶ Using technology to positively impact the construction industry by improving design and construction practices such as gathering data to monitor energy and water savings
- ▶ Attending progress meetings with clients and contractors

## Working Hours & Conditions

- ▶ Full-time hours per week
- ▶ Mix of office and site work

## Skills and personal qualities

- ▶ Able to understand and read technical drawings and plans
- ▶ Have a careful, methodical and accurate approach to work and willingness to learn
- ▶ Good time management, problem-solving, organisation and leadership skills
- ▶ Excellent math skills and enjoy working with new technologies
- ▶ Good interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to deal with a range of personalities
- ▶ Passionate about sustainability and having a positive impact on the environment

## How to get started

To become a Sustainability Consultant you will need to complete a Bachelor degree in Sustainable Development at university. Contact individual universities for course availability and determine if they have any pre-requisites before selecting your Year 11 subjects and applying. Your school careers advisor can help you with information on how to enrol at university.

## Future pathways and opportunities

- ▶ Community Development Officer
- ▶ Eco-preneur (starting green businesses)
- ▶ Sustainability Educator
- ▶ Sustainability Consultant
- ▶ Management or Leadership roles



## Next Steps

Further information can be found at:

- ▶ Jobs and Skills WA – [www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au)
- ▶ Australian Apprenticeship Pathways – [www.aapathways.com.au](http://www.aapathways.com.au)
- ▶ Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Providers – [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)
- ▶ Job Outlook – [www.joboutlook.gov.au](http://www.joboutlook.gov.au)