



Careers in manufacturing: textiles, clothing and footwear

Clothing trades

Clothing trades workers prepare and cut garment patterns and fabric to either make and/or repair garments.

Tasks include:

- conferring with customers to determine material, styles and designs of garments
- interpreting designs, sketches and samples to determine pattern specifications
- cutting out patterns
- laying up and cutting fabric
- pinning, basting and draping garment parts
- sewing garments
- fitting basted garments on customers and marking areas requiring alteration
- sewing buttonholes, sewing on buttons, hooks, eyes and press fasteners to finish garments
- pressing and finishing work.

Clothing trades occupations within the textiles, clothing and footwear sector include:

- Apparel cutter
- Clothing patternmaker
- Dressmaker/tailor
- Milliner.

Apparel cutter

Apparel cutters lay out, mark and cut fabric to form parts of garments.

Tasks include:

- unrolling and spreading fabric in layers on tables
- arranging and marking outlines of patterns on fabric
- setting-up and operating cutting machines
- labelling and tying bundles of cut parts
- drilling holes through layers of fabric or cutting notches in edges
- operating automatic machines which use computer-aided pattern designs
- cutting fabric using laser cutters
- marking and cutting cloth, leather or synthetic fabric into pieces to be used in vehicle trimming or upholstery.

Relevant qualification:

- Certificate III in Clothing Production

Clothing patternmaker

Clothing patternmakers draw sets of master patterns following original sketches, sample articles and design specifications, and cut out patterns for garments.

Specialisations:

- Pattern grader (clothing)
- Patternmaker-grader

Relevant qualifications:

- Certificate IV in Clothing Production
- Certificate IV in Applied Fashion Design and Technology
- Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology

Dressmaker/tailor

A dressmaker or tailor makes, alters and repairs women's and men's tailored garments, formal wear, couturier clothing, and special occasion wear, such as suits, dresses, coats, evening wear and bridal wear.

Relevant qualifications:

- Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology
- Certificate III in Clothing Production
- Certificate IV in Clothing Production
- Certificate IV in Applied Fashion Design and Technology

Milliner

Milliners prepare fabric, cut patterns, and make and repair hats.

Relevant qualifications:

- Certificate II in Millinery
- Certificate III in Millinery
- Certificate IV in Millinery

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