



# Careers in manufacturing: textiles, clothing and footwear

## Laundry operations

Those working in laundry operations sort, clean, iron, fold, and package linen, clothing and other items in laundries, dry cleaning establishments and private residences.

Tasks include:

- sorting articles for cleaning according to the type, colour, fabric and relevant cleaning treatment required
- placing sorted articles into receptacles and onto conveyor belts for moving to either repair and/or cleaning areas
- checking and removing stains from garments, replacing buttons and making minor repairs
- loading and unloading washing machines, driers and extractors
- adding cleaning agents and starches to articles
- smoothing articles and guiding them through cleaning and pressing machines
- stopping and starting machines to untangle, straighten and remove articles
- ironing and pressing clean articles
- placing articles on shelves or hanging articles for delivery and collection
- packaging articles and preparing orders for despatch.

Laundry operations occupations within the textiles, clothing and footwear sector include:

- Laundry worker
- Dry cleaner
- Ironer or presser.

### Laundry worker

Laundry workers sort, clean, iron, fold and package linen, clothing and other garments in a commercial laundry.

#### **Relevant qualifications:**

- Certificate II in Laundry Operations
- Certificate III in Laundry Operations
- Certificate IV in Laundry Operations and Supervision

### Dry cleaner

Dry cleaners clean clothing, garments, upholstery and other fabrics using dry cleaning agents and machines.

#### **Relevant qualifications:**

- Certificate II in Dry Cleaning Operations
- Certificate III in Dry Cleaning Operations
- Certificate IV in Laundry Operations and Supervision

## Ironer or presser

An ironer or presser irons or presses garments and other fabrics, such as delicate and formal wear, in a commercial laundry or private residence.

### **Relevant qualifications:**

- Certificate II in Laundry Operations
- Certificate III in Laundry Operations
- Certificate IV in Laundry Operations and Supervision

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