

Industries hiring during COVID-19

The effects of the COVID-19 virus on the local economy are likely to be significant and wide-ranging, affecting a large variety of businesses.

The overall makeup of the Australian economy has experienced a fundamental shift as many industries are adversely affected – while others will derive a short term or lasting benefit.

Clearly, industries such as Accommodation and Food, which covers (hotels and restaurants), Non-Food Retailing and Arts and Recreation (which includes all events) are being adversely affected by social distancing measures and a rapid decline in tourism.

However, other sectors of the economy are doing much better, as spending on food and basic items increase, as well as other service-based sectors.

Some of these will experience a relatively short term affect (such as the massive increase in electrical retailing) following the initial application of social distancing measures. People who suddenly had to work from home created a significant spike in demand for computers, monitors etc)

The speed and strength of the recovery will likely depend on the general availability of a vaccine and the effectiveness of federal economic policy.

Industries that have been hiring staff in the current climate:

- Food retailing – especially Supermarkets
- Food delivery services
- Food Product Manufacturing
- Food Wholesaling
- Healthcare, including residential Aged Care
- IT including Internet service providers
- Transport, Postal and Warehousing
- Callcentres
- Mining

Industries (and constituent businesses) hiring are likely to vary significantly by location as well as over time, as restrictions either remain in place or are slowly lifted.

The Australian Government has developed a website called “Jobs Hub” which will be kept up to date, to highlight jobs in demand, by industry and area, as well as providing further links to available vacancies.

Click here for more: <https://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/jobs-hub>