2026 Northern Territory skilled occupation priority list

High priority occupations

These occupations have been identified by industry and economic modelling as high priority.

OSCA code	Occupation	OSCA Skill level
111431	Policy and Planning Manager	1
113232	ICT Project Manager	1
131131	Construction Project Manager	1
131231	Engineering Manager	1
131931	Surveying Manager	1
141131	Assistant School Principal	1
141231	Children's Education and Care Service Director	1
141331	Aged Care Manager	1
161231	Cafe or Restaurant Manager	2
161431	Hotel or Motel Manager	2
161631	Senior Chef	2
162131	Retail Manager (General)	2
171231	Office Manager	2
172132	Customer Service Manager	2
172231	Event Manager	2
172331	Facilities Manager	2
211131	Accountant (General)	1
211134	Management Accountant	1
211231	External Auditor	1
222131	Human Resources Adviser	1

222331	Rehabilitation Consultant	1
222332	Work Health and Safety Adviser	1
222431	Training and Development Professional	1
223431	Enterprise Architect	1
223932	Cost Controller	1
232335	Heritage Consultant	1
242332	Graphic Designer	1
243231	Civil Engineer	1
243331	Electrical Engineer	1
243532	Mechanical Engineer	1
243533	Production or Plant Engineer	1
243631	Mining Engineer (excluding Petroleum)	1
243932	Aerospace Engineer	1
243933	Biomedical Engineer	1
244331	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Ranger	1
244333	Ecologist	1
244334	Park Ranger	1
244531	Geologist	1
244731	Medical Laboratory Scientist	1
251131	Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher	1
251231	Primary School Teacher	1
251331	Secondary School Teacher	1
252231	Vocational Education Teacher	1
261131	Counsellor (General)	1
261231	Psychologist	1
261331	Social Worker	1

262231	Exercise Physiologist	1
262331	Occupational Therapist	1
262431	Physiotherapist	1
262631	Speech Pathologist	1
263131	Nuclear Medicine Technologist	1
263133	Radiographer	1
263231	Dietitian	1
263331	Optometrist	1
263431	Community Pharmacist	1
263432	Hospital Pharmacist	1
263931	Audiologist	1
264231	General Practitioner	1
264333	Endocrinologist	1
264431	Psychiatrist	1
264531	Resident Medical Officer	1
264932	Emergency Medicine Specialist	1
264937	Radiologist	1
265131	Midwife	1
265432	Registered Nurse (Acute Care)	1
265434	Registered Nurse (Mental Health)	1
265435	Registered Nurse (Primary Health Care)	1
265499	Registered Nurses nec	1
269232	Dentist	1
269332	Health Promotion Officer	1
269531	Veterinarian	1
273333	Software Engineer	1

299131	Aeroplane Pilot	1
299231	Specialist Police Officer	1
312132	Building Designer	2
312331	Construction Estimator	2
312432	Construction Site Supervisor	2
313435	Ship's Master	2
313934	Mechanical Engineering Technician	2
321131	Chef	2
322231	Butcher or Smallgoods Maker	3
322331	Cook	3
322431	Pastrycook	3
331131	Metal Fabricator	3
331936	Sheetmetal Worker	3
332231	Fitter (General)	3
332232	Fitter and Turner	3
351131	Automotive Technician (General)	3
351231	Automotive Electrician	3
351331	Panelbeater	3
351433	Diesel Technician	3
351435	Marine Technician	3
351631	Vehicle Painter	3
361231	Painter	3
362131	Glazier	3
362231	Plasterer (Wall and Ceiling)	3
363131	Plumber (General)	3
371231	Concreter	3

372132	Carpenter	3
381231	Electrician (General)	3
382131	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technician	3
382232	Electronic Equipment Trades Worker	3
391231	Audio Engineer	3
392132	Hairdresser	3
399933	Fire Protection Equipment Technician	3
411131	Child Protection Practitioner	2
411132	Family Violence Practitioner	2
411231	Community Development Officer	2
411232	Community Support Worker	2
411632	Family Support Worker	2
411733	Youth Worker	2
421131	Aged Care Coordinator	3
421132	Aged Care Team Leader	3
422131	Disability Services Officer	2
422132	Residential Care Officer	2
431131	Early Childhood Education Room Leader	2
431132	Early Childhood Educator	3
441131	Enrolled Nurse	2
452235	Protective Services Officer	4
461131	Beauty Therapist	3
461632	Tour Guide	3
471131	Bar Attendant	4
471231	Barista	4
471531	Bar Supervisor	3

471532	Cafe or Restaurant Supervisor	3
511231	Program or Project Administrator	2
541131	Accounts Clerk	4
542131	Bookkeeper	3
553131	Receptionist (General)	4
561131	General Clerk	4
622131	Property Manager	3
712231	Delivery Person	4
713131	Truck Driver (General)	4
721131	Storeperson	4
732331	Miner	4
741331	Forklift Driver	4
899937	Swimming Pool or Spa Technician	4

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111531	Research and Development Manager	1
111631	Quality Assurance Manager	1
131331	Project Builder	1
132232	Production Manager (Manufacturing)	1
132233	Production Manager (Mining)	1
141132	School Principal	1
141333	Medical Administrator	1
141335	Welfare Centre Manager	1
141399	Health and Welfare Service Managers nec	1
141499	Education Managers nec	1
149333	Laboratory Manager	1
152931	Apiarist	1
161999	Hospitality, Tourism and Venue Managers nec	2
171331	Health Practice Manager	2
211232	Internal Auditor	1
223231	Data Analyst	1
231431	Artistic Director	1
241131	Architect	1
241132	Landscape Architect	1
241232	Engineering Surveyor	1
241234	Land Surveyor	1
243131	Chemical Engineer	1
243232	Geotechnical Engineer	1
243234	Structural Engineer	1
243236	Water Engineer	1
243431	Electronics Engineer	1

244134	Aquaculture or Fisheries Scientist	1
244231	Chemist	1
244432	Environmental Research Scientist	1
251431	Special Education Teacher	1
252131	University Lecturer	1
259932	Careers Adviser	1
261132	Alcohol and Other Drugs Counsellor	1
261134	Psychotherapist	1
264935	Pathologist	1
265231	Nurse Educator	1
265331	Nursing / Midwifery Unit Manager	1
265433	Registered Nurse (Aged Care)	1
271131	Cyber Governance Risk and Compliance Specialist	1
272232	ICT Support Engineer	1
273331	Cloud Engineer	1
281299	Judicial and Other Legal Professionals nec	1
299134	Helicopter Pilot	1
311133	Aquaculture or Fisheries Technician	2
311232	Dental Technician	2
311331	Community Pharmacy Technician	3
311531	Chemical Technician	2
312231	Building Inspector	1
312234	Safety Inspector	2
313232	Electrical Engineering Technician	2
313431	Marine Engineer	2
313933	Mechanical Engineering Draftsperson	2
313935	Metallurgical or Materials Technician	2
322131	Baker	3
331133	Welder (First Class)	3

332131	Aircraft Maintenance Technician (Avionics)	3
332132	Aircraft Maintenance Technician (Mechanical)	3
332234	Metal Machinist (First Class)	3
332334	Locksmith	3
342231	Arborist	2
342232	Tree Worker	3
342531	Sports Turf Manager	2
343131	Aquaculture Supervisor	3
351436	Motorcycle Technician	3
351437	Small Engine Technician	3
363932	Fire Protection Plumber	3
369131	Cabinet Maker	3
372131	Carpenter and Joiner	3
381232	Electrical Fitter	3
381233	Industrial Electrician	3
382334	Telecommunications Technician	3
391531	Signwriter	3
392131	Barber	3
399132	Gas or Petroleum Production Technician	3
399938	Shipwright	3
411633	Financial Counsellor (Community)	2
411636	Welfare Worker	2
411732	Youth Justice Worker	2
421231	Community Aged Care Support Worker	4
421331	Residential Aged Care Worker	4
422231	Disability Support Worker	4
432231	Teaching Assistant	3
441233	Remedial Massage Therapist	2
441331	Mental Health Worker	2

441931	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner	3
441932	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker	3
442331	Dental Assistant	4
442531	Patient Care Assistant	4
451331	General Duties Police Officer	2
471331	Cafe Worker	5
511131	Contract Administrator	2
552131	Medical Receptionist	4
571431	Stock Clerk	4
571531	Warehouse Administrator	4
631131	Sales Assistant (General)	5
711231	Bus Driver	4
711331	Freight Train Driver	3
713231	Articulated Truck Driver	3
732131	Crane, Hoist or Lift Operator	4
741937	Stevedore	4
811131	Commercial Cleaner	5
811431	Commercial Housekeeper	5
811531	Vehicle Detailer	5
821132	Builder's Labourer	4
821431	Building Insulation Installer	3
841132	Fruit Farm Worker	5
841136	Nut Farm Worker	5
851231	Kitchenhand (General)	5
899331	Handyperson	5
899434	Tyre Fitter	4