

**3423-11 Business Machine Mechanic**  
**(review)**

**Review rating:** *No Shortage*

**Employer and industry comments/current labour market**

The rating of no shortage for business machine mechanics identified in DEEWR research persists. Employers who had recently advertised for vacancies in this occupation were surveyed for this review. As vacancies were difficult to identify during the survey period some employers were cold canvassed.

Nationally, 63 per cent of vacancies were filled within four weeks of advertising similar to the vacancy fill rate when this occupation was last assessed in August 2008. On average, there more than two suitable applicants per vacancy, an increase on previous research with 17 per cent of applicants considered suitable, almost double previous results. The main reasons applicants were considered unsuitable by employers were lack of experience and lack of qualifications. There were equal numbers of employers advertising to replace business machine mechanics who had left the business or were recruiting additional business machine mechanics due to an increase in business activity. About one third of employers anticipated they would need to recruit business machine mechanics over the next six months.

**Labour Market Outlook**

There is no evidence to suggest there will be any significant change in the labour market for this occupation over the next six months.