

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer		Australian Capital Territory
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Labour market rating	Shortage	
Comment:		

Occupational demand

The largest employing industry nationally for aircraft maintenance engineers is transport and storage. Less than one per cent of aircraft maintenance engineers are employed in the ACT, and ABS Labour Force Survey data show that employment numbers less than one hundred. ABS Census data however show employment decreased by 35 per cent between 2001 and 2006 to 94 in 2006.

Occupational supply

Entry to the occupation of aircraft maintenance engineer is generally through a Certificate III or IV. In the ACT there have been few commencements or completions over the eight years ending 2007. Department of Immigration and Citizenship overseas migration data show that in the year 2006-07 there were seven long term visitors who stated their occupation as aircraft maintenance engineers arriving in the ACT.

Employer and industry comments/current labour market

A survey was conducted of employers who had recently advertised. However, due to the small number of advertisements collected employers were also cold canvassed. Despite this, the small size of this occupation in the ACT has meant that few employers contacted had attempted to recruit aircraft maintenance engineers during the past six months. In addition, contact with employers was difficult and inadequate contacts were made to give a definitive rating for this occupation based on 2007 research.

Most companies that operate aircraft in the ACT contract a small number of companies in the area to do their maintenance work, or they use facilities in another State to service their aircraft. A few employers in the area have a small number of aircraft maintenance engineers employed, and they typically experience low turnover.

Although there were few identifiable vacancies and employers were difficult to contact there is no evidence to suggest the labour market for aircraft maintenance engineers has changed over the past six months and therefore no basis to change the rating of shortage made in 2006. In making this rating it must be noted that this occupation is very small in the ACT and vacancies are rare.

Labour market outlook

There are no indications that the labour market conditions will change significantly over the next six months.