

HELP SHAPE OUR CHANGING WORLD

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in planning



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A career in planning allows you to collaborate with others to shape a more sustainable future.

What is planning?

Planning is the process through which people, businesses and government come together to protect, grow and shape their cities, towns and regions.

The planning process involves research and consultation, writing reports, working with communities and other professionals, and preparing plans and strategies.

The profession of planning offers the unique opportunity to make a genuine impact on how we design places and spaces, protect the environment, and connect our communities.

What do planners do?

Planners play an important role in helping to improve people's lives and create a better and more sustainable future. Some of the ways planners do this is by working with others to:

- tackle climate change
- protect biodiversity
- manage natural disasters
- reduce congestion and improve transport networks
- grow our economy and jobs
- make housing more affordable
- address social issues
- celebrate arts and culture
- provide places for sport and recreation
- recognise our heritage.

To make all of this happen, planners consult widely and work closely with the community. As a planner, you can also expect to work collaboratively with:

- government and elected officials
- environmental advisors
- architects and landscape architects
- civil and environmental engineers
- economists
- lawyers
- property and real estate developers.

Involving First Nations people in planning and recognising their connection to country and community is also an important part of being a planner.

Why become a planner?



Help create more liveable communities

A career in planning allows you to be part of the solution to many of the challenges facing our world - from tackling climate change, providing safe and affordable places to live, and managing population growth.

Graduate salary packages for new planners start from \$50,000 - \$60,000 at entry level, with salaries increasing up to \$180,000+ for senior or leadership roles.



Work everywhere and anywhere

The demand for planning professionals is growing, with planners needed in almost every community - across cities and towns as well as regional and remote areas. Working as a planner can offer unique experiences in both Australia and overseas.



Experience a rewarding and satisfying career

Choose from a variety of roles working in local, state or federal government, private consultancy, or with other disciplines such as architecture, or engineering. The planning profession also offers opportunities for professional accreditation, training and development, and career progression.



Is planning for me?

A career in planning suits talented, decisive people who are adaptable, dynamic and can think creatively and innovatively.

Planning attracts people from different backgrounds and with a variety of interests. This includes geography, design, science and technology, legal studies and the environment.

KEY ATTRIBUTES OF A PLANNER

Research, analyse and evaluate information objectively



Communicate ideas and present information clearly and concisely

Collaborate effectively with other professionals and the community



Care about the environment, sustainability and community wellbeing

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A career that **MAKES AN IMPACT**

How do I become a planner?

Completing a recognised tertiary planning course is an important step in becoming a planning professional.

When choosing which planning course to study at university, PIA recognises 50 university planning courses across Australia as delivering the educational requirements planners need.

For a full list of accredited university courses and to find out more about becoming a planner, visit www.becomeaplanner.com.au



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About PIA

Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) is the national body representing planning and the planning professional.

As a membership-based organisation, PIA provides educational support, professional development opportunities, and career assistance to guide and support Australia's planning professionals and the development of better communities.



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PIA acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and pays respect to their cultures and Elders past and present.