



# WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT



## Employment hub for Western Sydney

In an increasingly globalised world, businesses are reliant on fast and efficient air travel. A Western Sydney Airport will generate economic growth and jobs for decades to come. Airports provide jobs for thousands of workers and attract investment, professional industries and a range of businesses to the surrounding region. Airports transform the local economy, bringing a range of jobs in **specialist, knowledge-based industries**.

### Job creation at airports

When people think of working at an airport, they may only think of the most visible staff, like baggage handlers, security staff and flight crew. But a broad mix of employment types make up an airport's workforce and associated business parks, with a variety of professional services and high-tech industries at an airport and in surrounding commercial hubs. For example, Canberra Airport's business park houses a variety of knowledge-based, specialist services including **IT, communications** and **financial services** businesses.

By the early 2030s, Western Sydney Airport is expected to provide nearly 9,000 direct jobs and over 4,000 in on-site business parks. This is projected to grow as the proposed airport grows, with around 750 jobs created per million passengers at the airport. By the early 2060s, this would mean over 60,000 direct jobs and a further 30,000 in business parks.

*Australia's airports employ workers with a mix of industries and skills.*

*Over half (55 per cent) of people employed at Australia's airports have a post-school qualification.*

### Creating jobs in Sydney's West

Western Sydney is home to nearly half of Sydney's population, but in order to get to work around 30 per cent of workers living in Western Sydney commute outside the region. This is particularly the case for Western Sydney workers in professional, scientific and technical services jobs, with one in two travelling outside the region each day.

An airport would provide wide ranging opportunities, allowing many Western Sydney residents to work closer to home.

*An airport would create jobs closer to where people live in Western Sydney.*

*80 per cent of people employed in the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport precinct live within 30 minutes of the Airport.*

## What kinds of jobs will an airport create?

Looking at the types of jobs at Australia's major airports shows the typical make-up of the workforce, both at the airport and within on-site business parks. The table below shows the variety of jobs created by an airport and percentage across different occupations.

% of jobs	Occupation type	Typical jobs
16.9%	Office services and administrative support	Quarantine and biosecurity inspectors; immigration officers; warehouse administrators; bookkeepers; receptionists; call centre staff; personal assistants; office managers
14.6%	Technicians and trade	Avionics engineers; mechanics; chefs and bakers; telecommunications technicians; electrical engineering technicians; IT
14.6%	Community and personal service	Fire fighters; security staff; hospitality workers (baristas, bar staff, waiters); flight attendants; police officers
14%	Professionals	Aeronautical engineers; air traffic controllers; accountants; human resource experts; architects; finance; marketing and public relations
12%	Machinery operators and drivers	Aircraft refuellers; crane, hoist and lift operators; bus and taxi drivers; engineering production workers; forklift drivers
10.9%	Sales and retail	Sales assistants; retail workers; property managers; service station attendants; car rental workers
9.9%	Managerial	Retail and hospitality managers; conference and event organisers; project managers; importers and exporters; wholesalers; chief information officers
7.2%	Labourers	Cleaners; food preparation assistants; freight handlers

## Attracting business to Western Sydney

Airports and their supporting infrastructure attract a wide range of businesses and industries, with an increasing trend for **commercial business precincts** to be developed adjacent to airports.

Bordered by the **Western Sydney Priority Growth Area** and being close to the existing **Western Sydney Employment Area**, the Western Sydney Airport site is ideally positioned to capitalise on this trend. It would encourage further investment and jobs growth in the region, and support business and workers by giving them access to Australian and international markets.

The Australian and New South Wales governments are working to ensure the potential of a Western Sydney Airport can be realised and to generate jobs and economic growth for Western Sydney.



## Boosting tourism

Airports lead to more people coming and going to and from the area, generating income and employment in tourism and related industries.

A full service, international and domestic airport would allow Western Sydney to become an international gateway, **increasing tourism** and **business travel** to Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.