

# SAY WHAT YOU ARE

DONT LET THE CENSUS GUESS YOUR JOB



## WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

AN EMPLOYEE WORKS AT A COUNCIL WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER PRODUCTION.

### EXAMPLE CENSUS RESPONSE

<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Water Treatment Plant Operator
<b>MAIN TASKS</b>	Operate and monitor water treatment processes, conduct water quality testing, maintain treatment equipment and ensure compliance with drinking water standards.
<b>INDUSTRY</b>	Water Supply and Sewerage Services
<b>SERVICES</b>	Provision of treated drinking water and operation of municipal water treatment facilities.

### REMEMBER:

- ✓ Use a specific occupation title
- ✓ Describe systems and tasks clearly
- ✓ Identify the water sector industry



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## QUALIFIED PLUMBER WORKING IN WATER OPERATIONS

MANY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES HOLD A **PLUMBING TRADE QUALIFICATION**, BUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY JOB IS MAINTAINING WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY. IF YOUR WORK INVOLVES REPAIRING WATER MAINS, MAINTAINING VALVES AND HYDRANTS, RESPONDING TO LEAKS AND SUPPORTING THE OPERATION OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK, YOUR OCCUPATION SHOULD REFLECT THE **WATER UTILITY ROLE YOU PERFORM**.

## EXAMPLE CENSUS RESPONSE

<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Water/Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator
<b>MAIN TASKS</b>	Maintain and repair water pipelines, respond to leaks in the water supply network, service valves and hydrants and support operation of water infrastructure.
<b>INDUSTRY</b>	Water Supply and Sewerage Services
<b>SERVICES</b>	Provision of treated drinking water and operation of municipal water treatment facilities.

### IMPORTANT



**THE CENSUS ASKS ABOUT THE JOB YOU DO NOT THE TRADE QUALIFICATION YOU HOLD**

A PLUMBING QUALIFICATION MAY SUPPORT THE ROLE, BUT IF YOU WORK MAINTAINING THE WATER NETWORK YOUR OCCUPATION SHOULD REFLECT THE WATER SECTOR ROLE YOU PERFORM



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## SUPERVISOR

A COUNCIL EMPLOYEE SUPERVISES A TEAM OPERATING AND MAINTAINING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE. THE ROLE COORDINATES DAILY OPERATIONS, SUPPORTS OPERATORS AND ENSURES SYSTEMS RUN SAFELY AND RELIABLY.

### EXAMPLE CENSUS RESPONSE

**OCCUPATION** Water Operations Supervisor

**MAIN TASKS** Supervise staff operating water and wastewater infrastructure, coordinate operational activities across treatment plants and networks, monitor system performance and ensure compliance with drinking water and environmental regulations.

**INDUSTRY** Water Supply and Sewerage Services

**SERVICES** Provision of drinking water and wastewater services and operation of municipal water and sewerage infrastructure.

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## WATER NETWORK MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

A COUNCIL TECHNICIAN WORKS ACROSS THE WATER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK MAINTAINING PIPELINES AND RESPONDING TO NETWORK FAULTS.

### EXAMPLE CENSUS RESPONSE

<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Water Network Maintenance Technician
<b>MAIN TASKS</b>	Inspect and maintain water pipelines, repair leaks, service valves and hydrants and respond to water supply faults.
<b>INDUSTRY</b>	Water Supply and Sewerage Services
<b>SERVICES</b>	Operation and maintenance of municipal water distribution infrastructure

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## MULTI-ROLE COUNCIL WORKER

IN SMALLER REGIONAL COUNCILS, EMPLOYEES OFTEN PERFORM MULTIPLE OPERATIONAL ROLES.

FOR EXAMPLE, A WORKER MAY:

- OPERATE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS
- DRIVE RUBBISH COLLECTION TRUCKS
- MOW PARKS AND ROADSIDE AREAS
- ASSIST WITH GENERAL COUNCIL MAINTENANCE

## EXAMPLE CENSUS RESPONSE

### RECOMMENDED APPROACH

The Census asks about the main job and main tasks usually performed, so responses should reflect the primary function of the role. If the worker's main responsibility is water treatment operations:

**OCCUPATION** Multi-Role Council Worker

**MAIN TASKS** Operate and monitor water treatment processes, conduct water quality testing and maintain plant equipment. Secondary duties include operating waste collection vehicles and undertaking council maintenance activities

**INDUSTRY** Water Supply and Sewerage Services

**SERVICES** Provision of treated drinking water and operation of municipal water treatment facilities.

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