

MAKING CAREER CHOICES

FACT SHEETS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE
THE RIGHT CAREER AND STUDY PATH



Artist

Cartoonist, Painter, Printmaker, Sculptor

Industry Description

Practitioners in this industry will be required to create visual and three-dimensional forms to communicate an impression or idea. Media may include acrylics, charcoal, clay, watercolour, wood, pencil and etchings. Artists may be hired to create a specific piece of work or create work independently.

Below are some of the particularly demanding requirements. Reasonable Adjustment may apply for individuals with specific support needs in industry training. The learner should have:

- the ability to sit and stand for long periods of time
- the ability to work alone or in a team
- the ability to think laterally
- the ability to match or detect differences between colours including shade of colour and brightness (colour vision)
- the ability to handle and control objects and tools (manual dexterity)
- the ability to ask questions and seek clarification from clients, colleagues, patients
- the ability to keep your hand and arm steady
- tolerance for chemicals and odours.

Below are some of the important personal abilities that are required. The learner should have:

- artistic ability
- good hand-eye coordination
- creativity
- self-discipline
- promotional skills
- knowledge of business/management skills, if self-employed.



Workplace Health and Safety

All practitioners must understand their workplace health and safety obligations and safety requirements under the:

- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* which imposes obligations on people at workplaces to ensure workplace health and safety.
- *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011* that describes what must be done to prevent or control certain hazards which cause injury, illness or death.
- *Codes of Practice*, which are designed to give practical advice about ways to manage exposure to risks common to industry.

All practitioners must be able to participate in Risk Assessments, Incident Reports and Hazard Identification.

Legislative or licensing issues

All practitioners must meet the qualification requirements set by industry standards.

Resources and further information

For more information on duties, tasks and career and labour market information relating to Artist, please refer to <http://joboutlook.gov.au>.

Industry information/professional associations

National Association for the Visual Arts: www.visualarts.net.au

For career resources to help explore and plan careers, visit www.myfuture.edu.au.

This is intended to be used as a tool for career research, in conjunction with other resources. For specific course information, please refer to the TAFE Queensland website www.tafeqld.edu.au or ring 1300 308 233.