

# MAKING CAREER CHOICES

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



## Photography

### Photographer, Photographic Developer

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#### Industry Description

Practitioners in this industry are required to produce and/or process photographic images using a variety of equipment such as cameras, lighting, computers and chemicals. Other tasks include talking with clients about their needs, technical solutions and advice.

**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 imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged (visualisation)
- the ability to keep your hand and arm steady (arm-hand steadiness)
- the ability to perceive depth and distance
- the ability to see details at close range (near vision)
- the ability to match or detect differences between colours including shades of colour and brightness (colour vision)
- the ability to handle and control objects and tools (manual dexterity)
- tolerance for low light conditions or high glare environments
- the ability to work in a certain order or sequence (information ordering)
- the ability to come up with unusual or clever ideas about a given topic or situation, or develop creative ways to solve a problem (originality)
- the ability to stand for long periods of time and carry heavy equipment
- tolerance for working with chemicals and odours.

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

- artistic flair
- the ability to learn the difficult technical concepts of photography
- self-motivation, with initiative and problem-solving skills
- an interest in contemporary styles and trends in such things as graphics, architecture and fashion is an advantage.

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## 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 Photography, please refer to <http://joboutlook.gov.au>.

## Industry information/professional associations

Australian Institute of Professional Photography: [www.aipp.com.au](http://www.aipp.com.au)

For career resources to help explore and plan careers, visit [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://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](http://www.tafeqld.edu.au) or ring 1300 308 233.*