Australia's 2026 job shortage list

27 jobs from the official list where Australia needs more workers

Category	OSCA code	Occupation	2026 rating
Education	251131	Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher	Shortage
Education	431131	Early Childhood Education Room Leader	Shortage
Education	431132	Early Childhood Educator	Shortage
Accounting	211135	Taxation Accountant	Shortage
Accounting	211231	External Auditor	Shortage
IT and data	223232	Data Architect	Shortage
IT and data	223233	Data Engineer	Shortage
Nursing	265131	Midwife	Shortage
Nursing	265431	Nurse Practitioner	Shortage
Nursing	265432	Registered Nurse (Acute Care)	Shortage
Nursing	265433	Registered Nurse (Aged Care)	Shortage
Health	264231	General Practitioner	Shortage
Health	262331	Occupational Therapist	Shortage
Health	262431	Physiotherapist	Shortage
Health	262631	Speech Pathologist	Shortage
Engineering	243234	Structural Engineer	Shortage
Engineering	243235	Transport Engineer	Shortage
Engineering	243532	Mechanical Engineer	Shortage
Trades	381231	Electrician (General)	Shortage
Trades	363131	Plumber (General)	Shortage
Trades	351131	Automotive Technician (General)	Shortage
Trades	351434	Electric Vehicle Technician	Shortage
Hospitality	322331	Cook	Shortage
Hospitality	322131	Baker	Shortage
Hospitality	322431	Pastrycook	Shortage
Beauty	392132	Hairdresser	Shortage
Beauty	461131	Beauty Therapist	Shortage

Source: Jobs and Skills Australia, 2026 Occupation Shortage List (October 2026), national ratings. 264 of the 1,021 jobs assessed are in national shortage. Full list: jobsandskills.gov.au

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