



AUSTRALIAN STEEL INSTITUTE

CAREERS IN STEEL ESTIMATOR



Structural steel estimators are like quantity surveyors for fabrication shops. They specialise in producing reliable estimates of the amounts and types of steel to be used on a project and what they will cost. They prepare schedules of quantities from measurements taken from the drawings.

WHAT DOES A STEEL ESTIMATOR DO?

- ✓ Studies blueprints, drawings and specifications to determine job requirements
- ✓ Produces reliable estimates and costs of the amounts and types of steel to be used
- ✓ Prepares schedules of quantities from drawings and specifications produced by engineers
- ✓ Orders to the specifications all the steel components needed for a project
- ✓ Monitors the budget of a job, compiling progress payments and variations in payments
- ✓ Attends site meetings and is involved in project management activities

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

There is a variety of courses and degrees that can help prepare you for a career as an estimator. Most of these courses require completion of Year 12, preferably with studies in maths.

Examples of courses:

- Diploma in Quantity Surveying
- Diploma of Building
- Bachelor of Construction Management
- Bachelor of Urban Development (Quantity Surveying)



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CAREER PATHWAYS

There is a range of career paths available to a trade qualified estimator including supervision and inspection. You might otherwise decide to open your own business or move into a quality assurance or compliance role.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

- ✔ Teamwork and communication
- ✔ Problem solving and critical thinking
- ✔ Enjoy working with numbers and maths
- ✔ An aptitude for working with computers
- ✔ Ability to read plans and drawings
- ✔ Enthusiasm, accuracy and precision

AVERAGE SALARY

A typical entry level position starts from \$80,000 per year and with more experience and expertise can increase to \$130,000 + per year.*

*Salary or wage variations may depend on region and state, industry sector or the amount of overtime worked.

ABOUT THE ASI

A member-based organisation, the Australian Steel Institute (ASI) is the nation's peak body representing the entire steel supply chain from the manufacturing mills right through to end users in building and construction, heavy engineering and manufacturing. With over 5,000 members, we support more than 600 companies.

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