



# CAREERS IN LOCKSMITHING

Are you looking for job security, good earning potential and a trade that won't wreck your knees? Locksmithing might be just the ticket.

Locksmiths do much more than just cutting keys and repairing locks. Modern locksmiths are security professionals, using the latest technology to safeguard everything from homes to classified government facilities.

Like all respected trades, a locksmith's career starts with a four-year apprenticeship. Where it goes from there is up to you!

## What do locksmiths do?

Locksmiths enjoy diverse career opportunities, working across the residential, commercial, industrial or automotive sectors. Many locksmiths work for private businesses (or start their own), while some work in-house with large corporate or government organisations.

Locksmiths install, maintain and repair mechanical and electronic security systems. While mechanical locks are still an important part of the trade, locksmiths also work on electronic access control, CCTV and alarm systems.

Your day-to-day as a locksmith will be interesting and varied, and differs depending on which career specialisation you choose:



**Residential  
& commercial**



**Automotive  
locksmithing**



**Safes  
& vaults**



**Electronic  
security**

# Why locksmithing?

Locksmithing is a hands-on trade that finds the best security solutions for clients. It's a satisfying job and no two days are the same, so you won't get bored. Demand for locksmiths is strong, making it a stable career choice.

The range of specialisations available mean you can pick a career path that matches your interests. Like most trades, you will be paid to learn during your apprenticeship.

Unlike some trades, however, you won't spend your day in a crawl space or rubbing your aching back. You can be a locksmith your whole life – you don't need a backup career for when your knees give out.



Earn as you learn



Future-focused industry



Solid job security



A trade for life

## How do I become a locksmith?

A locksmithing apprenticeship typically takes four years to complete. Once a locksmith has agreed to take you on as an apprentice, they will sign you up with a TAFE that offers the locksmithing qualification (in Australia), or Competenz (in New Zealand).

Your apprenticeship will include a mix of on-the-job training with an experienced locksmith through your employer, and off-the-job training through TAFE or Competenz as part of your Certificate in Locksmithing.

At the end of your apprenticeship, you will graduate with a nationally-recognised qualification that gives you the keys to a profession for life.

### LOCKSMITHING COURSES

| Region | Provider                | Course name                     | Website  |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| QLD    | SkillsTech              | Certificate III in Locksmithing | <a href="http://tafeqld.edu.au">tafeqld.edu.au</a>                           |
| NSW    | Sydney TAFE             | Certificate III in Locksmithing | <a href="http://tafensw.edu.au">tafensw.edu.au</a>                           |
| VIC    | Melbourne Polytechnic   | Certificate III in Locksmithing | <a href="http://melbournepolytechnic.edu.au">melbournepolytechnic.edu.au</a> |
| WA     | South Metropolitan TAFE | Certificate III in Locksmithing | <a href="http://southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au">southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au</a>       |
| NZ     | Competenz               | Certificate IV in Locksmithing  | <a href="http://competenz.org.nz">competenz.org.nz</a>                       |

### APPRENTICESHIPS NOW AVAILABLE!

Members of the Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia are looking for new apprentices now! If you're interested in a locksmithing apprenticeship, email [careers@masterlocksmiths.com.au](mailto:careers@masterlocksmiths.com.au), or visit [www.masterlocksmiths.com.au/careers](http://www.masterlocksmiths.com.au/careers).