

Decarbonisation pathways guide

South Australia



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Artwork story

This artwork is a story that incorporates the project First Nations Engagement in the Transition to Net Zero. It represents the various pathways First Nations people might take to find their feet in a secure workforce.

Each step of the way – from starting out, to becoming successful and eventually guiding the younger generations – is a journey in itself.

Firstly, people will hear about a job and decide if it is right for them. If this is the path they'd like to take, the next step of this journey is getting skilled up and landing the job. Once the job is secured, they will settle in and ultimately grow and thrive, in order to eventually teach new ones coming through.

Each pathway and section of the design has plenty of community symbols. This represents the support of those who are encouraging and helping to build confidence for these First Nations peoples.

About the artist – Kirralee Costelloe

My name is Kirralee Costelloe, and I am a proud Mandandanji / Noonuccal Woman who was born and raised in Rockhampton, Queensland. My art journey started about 7 years ago when I decided to carry on my Elder's legacy of painting and create my own, for my people, for my family and for myself. I thrive when I'm meeting new people in my community and having the opportunities to teach them about my story, while also creating art for them in many different ways.

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Introduction

The Australian Government is working to accelerate the development of clean energy and the skills and capabilities needed to support Australia's transition to net zero. As part of this, increasing participation of First Nations peoples in the decarbonisation workforce has been identified as a priority.

To inform this work, the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations engaged Ninti One Limited to research the opportunities and barriers for First Nations people in accessing training and employment in the decarbonisation workforce.

This research also assessed existing cultural safety measures and identified practical opportunities to create safer, more supportive environments for First Nations learners and workers.

Ninti's research involved extensive engagement with First Nations peoples, organisations, employers, training providers and government stakeholders, with more than 100 consultations conducted nationally.

The project findings are designed to inform the development of tools and resources that will help industry, training providers and government better support participation of First Nations people in Australia's future decarbonisation workforce.

This guide also supports the objective identified in the Australian Government [First Nations Clean Energy Strategy 2024-30](#) (the Strategy) to grow the clean energy workforce, including the priority actions to:

- Coordinate First Nations clean energy workforce development
- Improve First Nations workforce readiness
- Develop a First Nations clean energy job guide

The Strategy was developed through engagement with more than 1,200 people across Australia, including First Nations peoples, industry, government and non-government organisations.

About this guide

First Nations people have long cared for Country – managing resources, protecting ecosystems and passing down knowledge across generations. Now, as South Australia transitions to clean energy, there's an opportunity for mob to lead again – not just by joining the workforce, but by shaping how this sector grows. From rooftop solar in regional towns to large-scale wind farms, hydrogen plants and grid battery storage, decarbonisation work is already happening in the places mob live, work and belong.

Across the state, new jobs are opening up in wind, solar, batteries, transmission, construction, engineering and environmental management. Some are major infrastructure projects like Project EnergyConnect, Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park and the Eyre Peninsula Link. Others are smaller, community-based and closer to home – offering practical, well-paid work that reflects the strengths, values and goals of mob.

This document gives details about 4 different jobs that have important roles to play in decarbonising industries in South Australia. The jobs are electrician, wind turbine technician, grid construction worker, and electrical engineer.

The guide will help you explore these roles and see where you fit. For each job, you'll find:

1. a clear explanation of what the role involves
2. a description of why it matters for mob – including how it supports community, protects Country and creates opportunities to walk between 2 worlds
3. out what skills and training are needed, and how to get them
4. the requirements for site readiness, licensing or registration
5. what support is available – including mob-led programs and services
6. where the jobs are across SA
7. step-by-step guidance to help you take the next step.

This isn't just about joining the clean energy transition – it's about making sure our mob are at the centre of it. Leading, not following. Building futures that are strong, grounded and ours.

Electrician



What's the job?

Electricians (or “sparkies”) install, fix and test wiring and electrical systems — from homes and commercial buildings to renewable energy projects like solar farms and battery storage. In South Australia, electricians are in high demand, especially in clean energy zones where major infrastructure is being built. This job can take you across industries and open doors to specialisations over time — like solar, wind, batteries, or leading your own team.

Why it matters for mob

Electricians are at the heart of the energy transition. It's a hands-on job that lets you work anywhere – city, bush, or coast – while helping power up communities. For mob, becoming a sparkie is about more than income. It's about building independence, growing skills, and staying connected to Country through meaningful, practical work.

This job suits you if you ...

- like working with your hands and solving problems
- are focused and careful – safety matters
- enjoy being outdoors or working in different environments
- are up for a challenge and willing to learn new things
- have or can get a driver's licence (needed to travel between sites and onsite).

Add-ons to get site-ready

- White Card (construction safety training) – required before going onsite
- CPR and low voltage rescue training – updated yearly
- Working at heights / first aid training – often required by employers
- Solar Accreditation Australia (SAA) accreditation – required to install solar or battery systems.

A day on the tools

You'll be indoors and outdoors, sometimes up ladders, on rooftops or in tight spaces. Strong safety habits and team communication are key.



Start early

Safety briefing, gear check and plan for the day.



Head to site

Could be a housing upgrade, battery install or solar job.



Get to work

Run cables, install systems, check circuits or troubleshoot faults.



Wrap up

Test the system, make it safe, record the job and pack down.

What you'll learn (training and qualifications)

Certificate II in Electrotechnology **(career start)**

A 6-month pre-apprenticeship at TAFE – learn the basics and see if it's for you.

Certificate III in Electrotechnology **Electrician**

A 4-year paid apprenticeship mixing hands-on site work and TAFE study (usually delivered in person, often weekly or in blocks – some providers offer regional delivery or travel support if needed). You'll learn how to wire homes, fix faults and work on clean energy sites.

Electrician's License

Once you finish your apprenticeship, you apply to Consumer and Business Services (CBS) in SA to get licensed. This lets you work on your own and take on bigger jobs.

Career pathways

There are many directions you can take once you're qualified. Here are some roles you might step into as you gain experience:

Lead hand or supervisor

Run jobs and guide apprentices.

Solar or battery tech

Specialise in clean energy systems.

Inspector or compliance officer

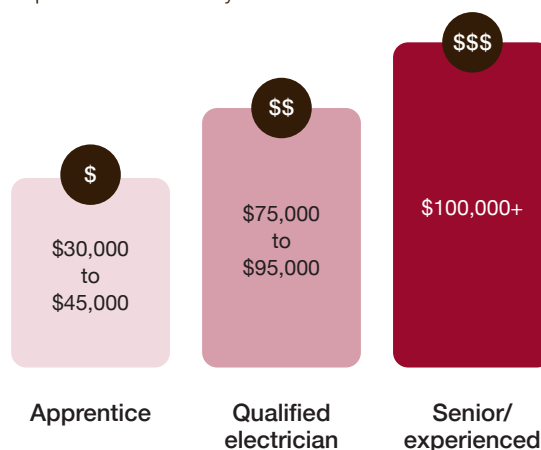
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Start your own business

Become your own boss.

What you can earn

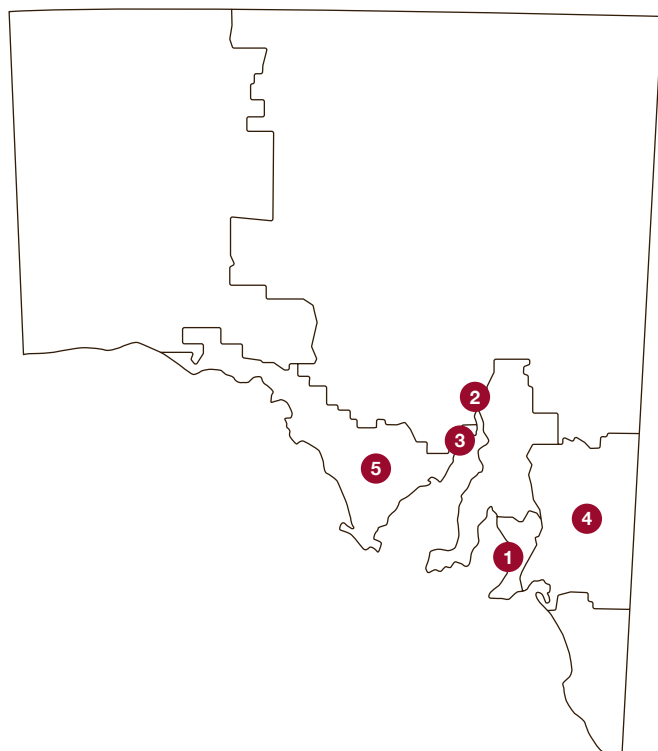
Pay will depend on your level of experience and nature of the role, but here's a general guide for what you can expect to earn each year:



Where the jobs are (SA hotspots)

Region	Opportunities
1. Adelaide Metro	Rooftop solar, battery systems, EV chargers and housing upgrades (public and private)
2. Port Augusta	Large-scale renewables, grid upgrades and solar-battery project work
3. Whyalla	Power and energy projects supporting hydrogen, steel decarbonisation and regional solar farms
4. Riverland and Barossa	Residential and agricultural solar installations and energy system upgrades
5. Eyre Peninsula	Electrical work tied to wind farms and regional transmission infrastructure

Jobs in the decarbonisation workforce are also located outside of these hotspots, visit the [First Nations Clean Energy Network](#) to explore local projects involving mob.



How to get started (step-by-step)

1. Get your [driver's licence](#) – most jobs require it
2. Get your [White Card](#) – basic safety training before you go onsite
3. Do a Cert II at TAFE – gives you the basic knowledge
4. Apply for a paid apprenticeship – 4 years on the job + study
5. Finish your Cert III and apply for your electrician's licence
6. Do extra training (solar, batteries, first aid, etc.) to open more doors
7. Look for jobs – ask TAFE, check job boards or yarn with AES
8. Gain experience – work with a good crew and learn the ropes
9. Grow your career – lead teams, specialise or start your own business

Need help getting there?

- [Aboriginal Employment Strategy \(AES\)](#) – helps mob get apprenticeships and support through the trade
- [TAFE SA Aboriginal Access Centre](#) – academic, cultural and personal support
- [NECA SA/NT Branch](#) – provides information and resources for electrical apprenticeships, including training and support services
- [Apprentice Employment Network SA](#) – search local jobs or training providers
- [New Energy Apprenticeships Program](#) – get up to \$10,000 for gear, tools and travel

Wind turbine technician (electrician)



What's the job?

Wind turbine technicians install and maintain the electrical systems inside wind turbines – including the wiring, switchboards and controls that help generate and move power. In SA, wind is the state's largest source of electricity, and new developments on the Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula and Mid North are driving strong demand for electricians trained in wind. You'll work outdoors, often at heights, in crews that travel together across Country. This job suits people who want to specialise in renewables, stay active and work on the projects powering the clean energy future.

Why it matters for mob

This job puts mob in a specialised trade at the heart of the clean energy boom. You'll be working on turbines in areas where many communities already live and will be part of teams building something that lasts. Unlike many short-term jobs, this role leads to long-term work with strong pay, respect and a chance to keep learning. It's a real opportunity for mob to be seen, valued and employed in high-demand, future-focused work that's shaping how energy is made across Country.

This job suits you if you ...

- are comfortable working at heights and in confined spaces
- have strong problem-solving skills and attention to detail
- are willing to travel and work in remote locations
- are physically fit and have good stamina
- have a commitment to safety and continuous learning.

Add-ons to get site-ready

- [White Card](#) (construction safety training) – required before going onsite
- CPR and low voltage rescue training – updated yearly
- Working at heights / first aid training – often required by employers
- [Grid-Connected Battery Storage Systems Course](#) – offered by the Clean Energy Council, this course covers the design and installation of grid-connected battery storage systems, ensuring compliance with Australian standards
- [Global Wind Organisation \(GWO\) certification](#) – essential for wind turbine technicians.

A day on the tools

Work often involves climbing turbines, working at heights and being exposed to various weather conditions. Strong safety habits and team communication are essential.



Start early

Safety briefing, gear check and plan for the day.



Head to site

Could be building a wind farm or maintenance on existing turbines, often in a regional area.



Get to work

Inspect electrical systems, perform maintenance, troubleshoot faults or assist in turbine installations.



Wrap up

Test systems, ensure safety protocols are met, document work and pack down.

What you'll learn (training and qualifications)

Certificate II in Electrotechnology **(career start)**

A 6-month pre-apprenticeship at TAFE – learn the basics and see if it's for you.

Certificate III in Electrotechnology **Electrician**

A 4-year paid apprenticeship mixing hands-on site work and TAFE study (usually delivered in person, often weekly or in blocks – some providers offer regional delivery or travel support if needed). You'll learn how to wire homes, fix faults and work on clean energy sites.

Electrician's License

Once you finish your apprenticeship, you apply to Consumer and Business Services (CBS) in SA to get licensed. This lets you work on your own and take on bigger jobs.

Career pathways

There are many directions you can take once you're qualified. Here are some roles you might step into as you gain experience:

Lead technician or supervisor

Oversee turbine maintenance teams.

Blade repair specialist

Focus on turbine blade maintenance and repair.

Commissioning technician

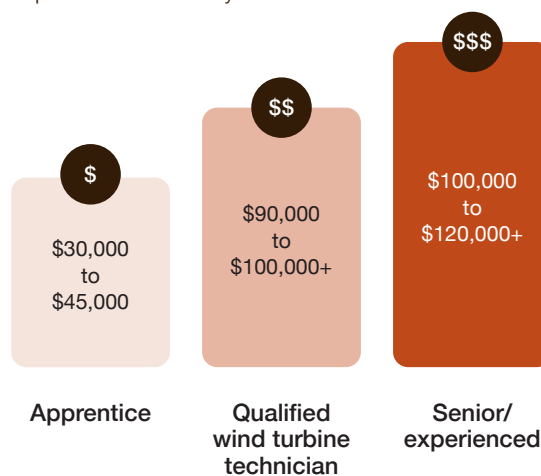
Specialise in bringing new turbines online.

Start your own business

Become your own boss in the renewable sector.

What you can earn

Pay will depend on your level of experience and nature of the role, but here's a general guide for what you can expect to earn each year:



Where the jobs are (SA hotspots)

Region	Opportunities
1. Eyre Peninsula	Large-scale wind farms (e.g. Lincoln Gap, Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park) and turbine maintenance
2. Yorke Peninsula	Operational wind projects and regional upgrades (e.g. Wattle Point Wind Farm)
3. Mid North	High-density wind region with future repowering and maintenance jobs (e.g. Hallett Wind Farm zone)
4. South East	Expanding renewables corridor including small-scale community wind developments
5. Port Augusta	Regional hub for logistics and technician crews for wind and hybrid energy sites

Jobs in the decarbonisation workforce are also located outside of these hotspots, visit the [First Nations Clean Energy Network](#) to explore local projects involving mob.



How to get started (step-by-step)

1. Get your [driver's licence](#) – most jobs require it
2. Get your [White Card](#) – basic safety training before you go onsite
3. Do a Cert II at TAFE – gives you the basic knowledge
4. Apply for a paid apprenticeship – 4 years on the job + study
5. Finish your Cert III and apply for your electrician's licence
6. Obtain GWO certification and other relevant training
7. Look for jobs – ask TAFE, check job boards, or yarn with AES
8. Gain experience – work with a good crew and learn the ropes
9. Grow your career – lead teams, specialise or start your own business

Need help getting there?

- [Aboriginal Employment Strategy \(AES\)](#) – helps mob get apprenticeships and support through the trade
- [TAFE SA Aboriginal Access Centre](#) – academic, cultural and personal support
- [NECA SA/NT Branch](#) – provides information and resources for electrical apprenticeships, including training and support services
- [Apprentice Employment Network SA](#) – search local jobs or training providers
- [New Energy Apprenticeships Program](#) – get up to \$10,000 for gear, tools and travel

Grid construction workers (transmission lineworkers)



What's the job?

Grid construction workers build and maintain the high-voltage powerlines that move clean energy from where it's made – like solar and wind farms – to where it's used. In South Australia, this work is critical as the state upgrades its grid to support renewable energy projects and replace retiring coal-fired power stations. Projects like the Eyre Peninsula Link and the South East Renewable Energy Zone are expanding the network, requiring skilled workers to ensure safe and reliable electricity delivery. You'll work in teams to install towers, string wires, and keep everything safe and working. It's outdoor, physical work that connects power to place and offers long-term jobs in regional areas where mob already live

Why it matters for mob

This job helps power the future — not just through clean energy, but by opening real opportunities for mob to step into long-term, hands-on work. It's a way to earn good money, learn strong skills, and stay connected to Country. Whether you're climbing towers or working on big infrastructure builds, you're part of something that supports families and future generations. It also builds pride and leadership — with clear pathways to grow into specialist, supervisory or training roles over time.

This job suits you if you ...

- enjoys hands-on, physical work
- are comfortable working at heights and outdoors
- can follow safety procedures and work in a team
- are willing to travel and work in different locations
- have or can get a driver's licence (often needed for access to site).

Add-ons to get site-ready

- White Card (construction safety training) – required before going onsite
- First aid training – often required before starting
- Working at heights / elevated work platform – depends on the site.

A day on the tools

Work is usually outdoors in all weather. It involves working at heights, using safety gear and being physically active. Crews rely on each other, so communication and teamwork are key.



Start early

Prepare gear, check safety systems and plan the day's tasks with your crew.



Head to site

Could be a remote tower install, a grid connection upgrade or ongoing maintenance.



Get to work

Climb and build, install poles and wires, lift and bolt components and follow safety procedures.



Wrap up

Log progress, debrief with the crew and check site safety before heading out.

What you'll learn (training and qualifications)

Certificate II in Transmission Line Construction

A 6-month course introducing you to the basics of transmission line work, including safety and equipment use.

Certificate III in ESI – Transmission Overhead

A 4-year paid apprenticeship combining on-the-job training with TAFE study (usually delivered in person, often weekly or in blocks – some providers offer regional delivery or travel support if needed). You'll learn how to construct and maintain high-voltage transmission lines.

No trade licence required; however, additional certifications may be needed depending on your role.

Career pathways

There are many directions you can take once you're qualified. Here are some roles you might step into as you gain experience:

Transmission lineworker

Build and maintain high-voltage powerlines.

Live lineworker

Specialise in working on live (energised) lines.

Team leader or supervisor

Manage crews and oversee projects.

Trainer or assessor

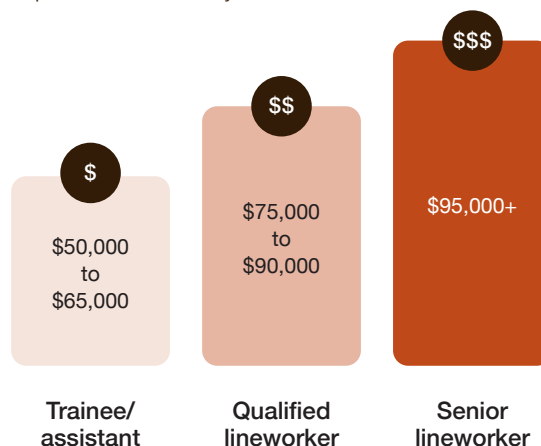
Teach and assess new apprentices.

Project manager

Plan and coordinate large-scale transmission projects.

What you can earn

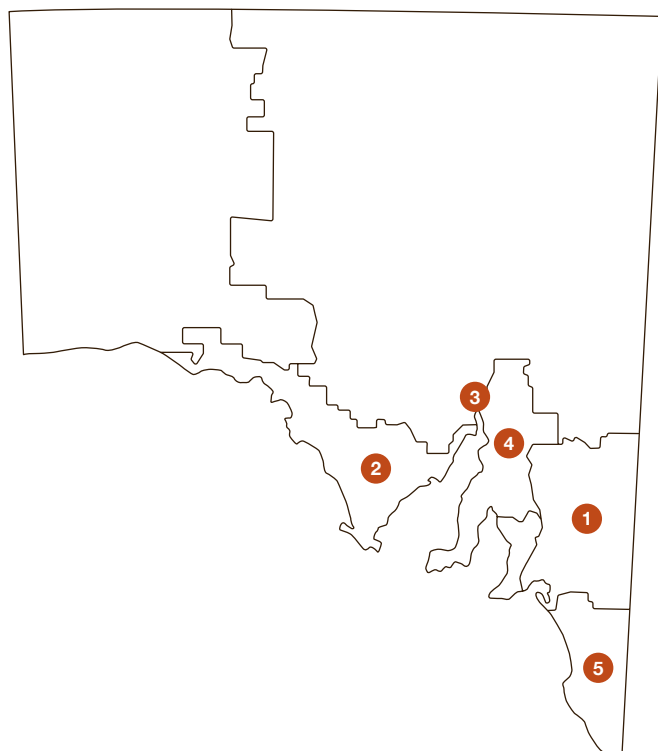
Pay will depend on your level of experience and nature of the role, but here's a general guide for what you can expect to earn each year:



Where the jobs are (SA hotspots)

Region	Opportunities
1. Riverland and Murraylands	Project EnergyConnect – 900 km transmission link between SA and NSW with major construction underway
2. Eyre Peninsula	Eyre Peninsula Link – expanding grid capacity to support renewables, maintenance of high-voltage towers
3. Port Augusta	Connection hub for regional renewable projects and transmission corridor upgrades
4. Mid North	Ongoing grid upgrades to support wind and solar zones
5. South East	Strengthening regional grid reliability and future expansion zones

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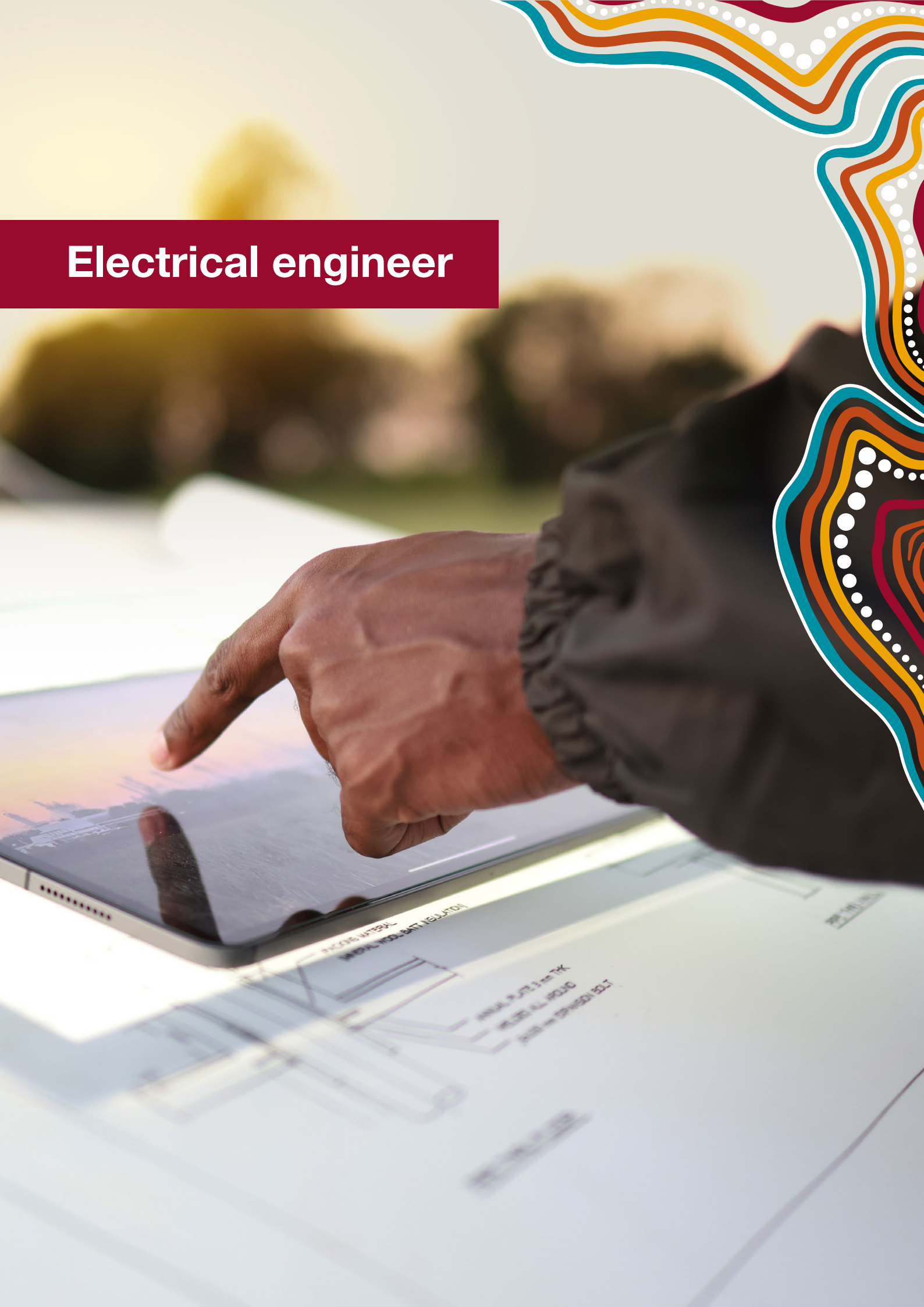
How to get started (step-by-step)

1. Get your [driver's licence](#) – many sites are regional
2. Get your [White Card](#) – basic safety training
3. Try a Cert II in Transmission Line Construction – a good way to test the waters
4. Apply for a paid apprenticeship – through local TAFE, jobs boards or mob-led programs
5. Complete your Cert III and build on-the-job experience
6. Add safety tickets (like first aid, working at heights) to expand options
7. Apply for lineworker roles – and ask if support is available for mob
8. Grow your skills – move into specialist or leadership roles over time
9. Grow your career – lead teams, specialise or start your own business

Need help getting there?

- [Aboriginal Employment Strategy \(AES\)](#) – helps mob get apprenticeships and support through the trade
- [ElectraNet](#) – as South Australia's principal transmission network service provider, ElectraNet offers career opportunities and information relevant to aspiring transmission lineworkers
- [NECA SA/NT Branch](#) – provides information and resources for electrical apprenticeships, including training and support services
- [TAFE SA Aboriginal Access Centre](#) – academic, cultural and personal support
- [Apprentice Employment Network SA](#) – search local jobs or training providers
- [New Energy Apprenticeships Program](#) – get up to \$10,000 for gear, tools and travel

Electrical engineer



What's the job?

Electrical engineers design and manage the systems that generate, store and move electricity, including grid infrastructure as well as wind, solar and battery storage. In SA, engineers are central to the transition away from fossil fuels, helping connect renewables to the grid, improve reliability and support hydrogen integration. Some roles are hands-on and based onsite, while others focus on design, modelling and planning. For mob who enjoy systems thinking, problem solving and leadership, this is a strong pathway with growing opportunities.

Why it matters for mob

The clean energy transition needs systems designed to work for Country, not just for industry – and mob are best placed to help lead that change. As an electrical engineer, you will shape how energy is shared and how it fits with the land it crosses. This role gives mob the technical standing to embed First Nations thinking into every wire and flow of energy. It's a chance to build systems that reflect your values, support your community and show the next generation what leadership looks like in the energy space.

This job suits you if you ...

- are good at maths and science – good with systems, numbers or logic
- enjoy solving problems and thinking through how things work
- are comfortable using computers and digital tools
- want to work indoors and outdoors, in teams or solo
- can stay organised and manage competing deadlines.

Add-ons to get site-ready

- White Card (construction safety training) – required before going onsite
- First aid – often required before starting
- Working at heights / elevated work platform – depends on the site.

A day on the tools



Start early

Check-in, review design plans, safety briefings or team updates.



Head to work

You'll split time between the office and onsite; some jobs are hands-on, others are more about planning and design.



Get to work

Design or problem-solve; work on a solar grid layout, battery connection or fixing a system fault; visit site or test systems and use tools or software to test equipment or supervise installations; collaborate with electricians, technicians, managers or Traditional Owners to find the best solutions.



Wrap up

Finalise documents, write reports or prepare for the next stage of the project.

What you'll learn (training and qualifications)

Main pathway – university degree

Finish Year 12 (not essential, but it helps): take general maths, English and preferably physics or engineering studies.

Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical or Electrical & Electronic)

A 4-year university degree. In SA, this is offered by the [University of Adelaide](#), [Flinders University](#) and [UniSA](#). Some universities also offer enabling programs or diplomas if you don't meet standard entry requirements.

Graduate program or entry-level job

Most mob start out in graduate engineering programs – working while learning on the job. You'll keep building experience under supervision before taking on bigger projects.

Chartered/registered engineer (CPEng, NER or RPEQ)

Apply to [Engineers Australia](#) if you want to become chartered (CPEng) or register on the National Engineering Register – this is not required to start but can support leadership or regulatory roles.

Alternate way – TAFE to university or technician training

Start with a [Certificate II in Engineering Pathways](#) or [Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering](#). These can lead to university later or to technician roles working alongside engineers.

Career pathways

There are many directions you can take once you're qualified. Here are some roles you might step into as you gain experience:

Design engineer

Plan new energy systems, tools or equipment.

Project engineer

Run onsite builds and manage contractors.

Electrical safety officer

Make sure worksites follow safety rules.

Control systems engineer

Work on smart grids, automation or robotics.

Energy systems engineer

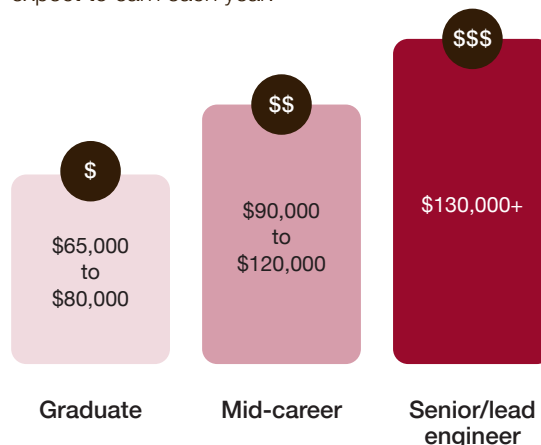
Plan how renewables connect to the grid.

Manager or director

Lead teams, mentor others, shape strategy.

What you can earn

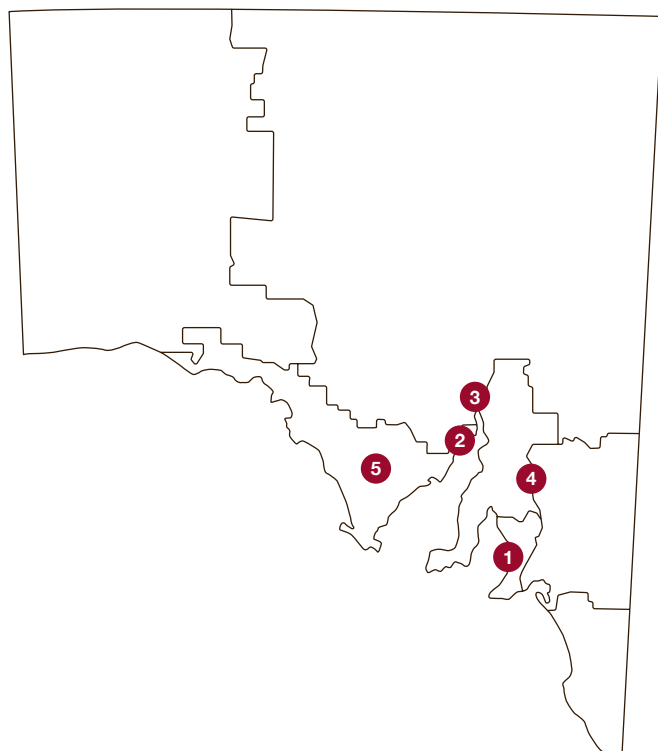
Pay will depend on your level of experience and nature of the role, but here's a general guide for what you can expect to earn each year:



Where the jobs are (SA hotspots)

Region	Opportunities
1. Adelaide Metro	Smart grid development, battery storage integration, EV charging networks and public infrastructure upgrades
2. Whyalla	Grid design and industrial decarbonisation projects linked to hydrogen and green steel developments
3. Port Augusta	Regional hub for grid-scale renewables and project engineering roles
4. Riverland and Mid North	Energy systems design and infrastructure upgrades for distributed generation
5. Eyre Peninsula	Wind and battery projects requiring ongoing engineering design and network planning

Jobs in the decarbonisation workforce are also located outside of these hotspots, visit the [First Nations Clean Energy Network](#) to explore local projects involving mob.



How to get started (step-by-step)

1. Finish Year 12 – ideally with maths, English and science subjects
2. Apply for a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering – e.g. through [SATAC](#) or direct entry to Uni of Adelaide, Flinders or UniSA
3. Apply for scholarships or university access programs if needed
4. Start university – join mob support programs and stay connected
5. Apply for internships through [CareerTrackers](#) or university partners
6. Finish your degree and apply for a graduate job
7. Keep learning on the job – get mentoring and grow your skills
8. Work towards becoming a senior engineer or project leader
9. Give back – mentor others, share your story, lead change

Need help getting there?

- [Aurora Foundation](#) – mentoring and academic support for mob at university
- [CareerTrackers](#) – paid internships and wraparound support for First Nations students
- [Aboriginal Employment Strategy \(AES\)](#) – helps mob get apprenticeships and support through the trade
- University Indigenous Centres – providing tutoring, cultural safety and wellbeing support
- [TAFE SA Aboriginal Access Centre](#) – academic, cultural and personal support
- [National Indigenous STEM Professional Network](#) – mentoring, professional networking and connection to career pathway opportunities
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engineers Group](#) – networking and support from mob in the field



Other information

Getting job-ready

Need a birth certificate?

Local legal aid services or your land council can help so you can apply for ID and Working With Children Checks.

Worried about a police check or Working With Children Check?

Some jobs still accept you – check first before ruling yourself out.

No car or licence?

Some training programs offer lessons or help you get your licence – ask your job provider or TAFE.

Need gear or tools?

Programs like the New Energy Apprenticeships can help with uniforms, boots, and other job cost.

No internet or a computer?

Try your local land council, library or job hub for help getting online, writing and printing or applying for jobs.

Need help with people skills or confidence?

Programs can help with communication, teamwork or speaking up onsite. These are called job-ready skills and they matter too – ask your job provider or TAFE for support.

Unsure what's right for you?

Pre-employment programs, short courses or workshops can help you test it out before committing.

Living away from home

DIDO/FIFO

Some roles involve flying or driving to site for 1–3 weeks, then coming home for breaks.

Relocation help

Some employers may offer support or grants to help you move closer to work or training.

Accommodation support

You might stay in camp-style housing, share housing or access subsidies.

Cultural safety at work

Some employers offer yarning circles, support staff or Elders – look for places that value mob.

Homesickness and wellbeing

It's normal to miss home. Many programs now offer mental health and cultural support, especially for young workers.



Programs just for mob

Entry pathways and outreach

- [Powering Up Workshops](#) - learn about jobs, projects and opportunities near you
 - [Aurora Indigenous Pathways Portal](#) - scholarships, mentoring and support programs for First Nations students
 - [PowerMakers Program](#) - helps grow mob into leaders in clean energy
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Apprenticeships and vocational support

- [Aboriginal Employment Strategy \(AES\)](#) – support to get and stay in apprenticeships
 - [Busy at Work First Nation's Apprenticeships](#) – culturally sensitive support for First Nations apprentices, partnering with local organisations to empower apprentices and employers
 - [ElectraNet](#) – as South Australia's principal transmission network service provider, ElectraNet offers career opportunities and information relevant to aspiring transmission lineworkers
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Higher education and university support

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 - [Aurora Foundation](#) – university access and mentoring programs
 - [TAFE SA Aboriginal Access Centre](#) – tutoring, mentoring and wrap-around support
 - [University of Adelaide Wirrtu Yarlur](#) – support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
 - [UniSA Wirringka Student Services](#) – cultural and academic support
 - [Flinders Yunggorendi Student Engagement](#) – support programs at Flinders University
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Mentoring and professional networks

- [National Indigenous STEM Professional Network](#) – mentoring and networking in STEM fields
- [Engineers Australia Indigenous Chapter](#) – networking and support from mob in the field
- [Indigenous Skills and Employment Program \(ISEP\)](#) – local programs connecting mob to jobs, training and support

Other support

- [New Energy Apprenticeships Program](#) – up to \$10,000 support for apprentices in clean energy
- [SA Apprenticeship Finder Tool](#) – an online resource to help job seekers explore and connect with apprenticeship opportunities available across South Australia

