Background

The Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) describes all occupations in the Australian and New Zealand labour markets.

It enables analysis of the labour market by governments, industry, and businesses to inform and shape educational pathways, skilled migration programs and workforce strategies that equip Australians with skills to get jobs and stay employed.

While ANZSCO has previously had some minor updates, it largely describes the original 2006 version, which was based on the 2001 labour market.

Updating ANZSCO

- The ABS has commenced a comprehensive review of the classification to reflect the contemporary labour market and better meet stakeholders' needs.
- Updates to the classification will be reflected progressively in official labour market statistics from August 2026, including Labour Force time series to improve visibility of new and emerging occupations.
- The updated classification will be released in December 2024, in time for use by Census 2026.

Have your say

- Public consultation rounds will be held across 2023 and 2024 with each round targeting selected occupations grouped by focus area.
- The ANZSCO public consultation schedule provides indicative dates for when stakeholder feedback will be sought for each focus area.

For more information

abs.gov.au/about/consultation-and-conferences/updating-anzsco