

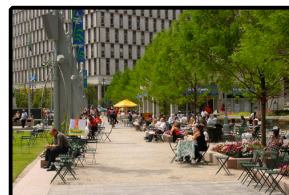
URBAN/REGIONAL PLANNER

JOB SUMMARY.

Urban/Regional planners design and develop cities, towns and the areas involved within them. The areas within towns and cities that Urban/Regional planners design can vary from roads, to parks, to sports grounds, to housing and subdivisions. Their main priority is to make sure the town has a well flowing layout, the roads and buildings are in correct and suitable places and that there are plenty of spaces for the public to enjoy.



Urban/Regional planners do lots of map reading, viewing and interpreting aerial maps.



Urban/Regional planners job is to create appealing areas for the public to enjoy.



Urban/Regional Planners design all different types of projects differing from subdivisions, to parks, to sports grounds, to roads and many other projects.

TASKS.

Urban/Regional planners are given tasks and jobs to do with planning towns and cities. Some of the jobs/tasks required are planning and designing streets, subdivisions, parks, reserves, sport facilities and many other public facilities. Urban/Regional planners also examine how areas are developing and prepare a strategic plan for up to twenty years ahead. They also spend most of their time at work writing reports, plans and then presenting them on behalf of councils and companies. Urban/Regional planners have quite important jobs to do with running and planning towns and cities, they are also very busy managing projects, visiting construction sites and collecting and analysing data.

HOW TO GET INTO THE JOB.

To get into the job you need to have a qualification of either a Bachelor or masters of planning, Bachelor or masters of environmental policy, Bachelor or masters of resource and environmental planning. Another way to get into the job is to do a degree and add some planning or law papers. Some useful subjects to take include Geography, Economics and English. Science may also be a useful subject if your'e wanting to work with water soil and air management. It may be useful if you have has experience with working on a building site, planning, doing research, working for councils and governments and working for environmental groups.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS.

Personal requirements/characteristics best suited for the job are:

- Open minded (Prepared to listen to anyones ideas)
- Persuasive (Can persuade anyone to agree with them)
- Able to handle conflict well (Can handle arguments or disagreements well)
- Good at risk analysis (Can recognize what could go wrong)
- Able to relate to a wide range of people (Can make connections and relate to any member of the public)

PAY AND PROGRESSION.

The median salary for an Urban/Regional planner is \$83,500 although your pay may vary depending on your qualifications and years of experience. If you have less than five years experience your salary average will be \$61,500. If you have had 6-10 years experience your salary will be around \$77,500. If you have had 11-15 years experience your salary will be around \$95,000. If you have had 16-20 years experience you salary will be around \$103,000. You can progress in Urban/Regional planning by progressing into senior or management positions.

RELATED JOBS.

Related jobs are jobs that are similar or require the same tasks and working environment as an Urban/Regional planner, these jobs are:

- Surveyor
- Landscape Architect
- Environmental Engineer
- Architect
- Environmental Scientist

JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

The chances of getting a job as an Urban/Regional planner in New Zealand are average, although the best place to get one is in Auckland because of the fast expanding population and city. Statistics show the amount of people in this work position over the years 2012-2014.

2012-2080 people
2013-2210 people
2014-2262 people

WORKING CONDITIONS.

Urban/Regional planners spend regular business hours mainly in an office, although they may regularly visit construction sites to see how projects are progressing. Urban/Regional planners may also need to work evenings and weekends on projects. They may have to travel within the country and overseas to attend conferences and meetings with the public.

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