



WOOLWORTHS OFFER EXCITING CAREER PATHS

For school-students contemplating career paths, you can't look past Australian-owned and operated retail giant, Woolworths. Woolworths is a very progressive company with over 700 supermarket and petrol station sites across Australia, so this enables employees to be able to transfer to anywhere in the country.

Although retail is a large part of Woolworths' work force, they also offer careers in management, administration, information technology, accounting, marketing, human resources, warehousing, visual merchandising, transportation and training.

Entry-level positions are for service cashiers, sales assistants and night fill attendants, although Woolworths believe in promoting from within, so advancements are readily available for motivated people. There are also specialised apprenticeships available for butchers, bakers and pastry cooks.

The skills learned in retail are transferable to any role in any workplace and that is why so many of Woolworths' successful employees start on the retail floor before deciding on the direction that their career path will take. So, if you are interested in gaining skills in teamwork, time management, organisation, customer service and communication; in a progressive environment that could lead to a diverse range of lucrative careers, then Woolworths are waiting to hear from you. For more information or to search and apply for a position go to www.wowcareers.com.au. Careers Advisors wanting more information are able to email academy@woolworths.com.au

THE 2007 ACS CAREER ADVISER SEMINARS ARE HERE!

The Australian Careers Service (ACS) Career Adviser Seminars are annual events designed to bring career advisers the latest information about career pathway programs from various companies around Australia. It provides a forum for all professionals involved in offering career advice to learn from industry bodies, gain insider knowledge about training and development programs while having the chance to network with peers in a relaxed and engaging environment. Seminars will be held around the country from 23 July to 7 August 2007 and all events are fully catered.

To register to attend a seminar nearest to you, visit www.acs.futurefinder.com.au or Freecall 1800 682 133 for further information. Numbers are limited. Seminars are filling up fast register now to avoid disappointment.

HBIA AUSTRALIAN HAIRDRESSING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

The HBIA Australian Hairdressing Championships are the largest and most prestigious championships of its kind in Australia, taking place on Sunday, 8th July 2007 at the Melbourne Convention Centre. This year's event is set to be the best championships yet. For more information go to <http://www.hbia.com.au/competitions.html>



JOB PROFILE – BUTCHER

HOW DO I BECOME A BUTCHER?

If you decide straight off that you want a career as a butcher you can complete a Butcher Apprenticeship through your local TAFE. However, there are large supermarket chains with their own meat departments who can provide employment while you complete your apprenticeship. The apprenticeship is competency based and can be completed within 3 years.

WHAT PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES DO I NEED TO BECOME A BUTCHER

To be a butcher, you must have good communication skills as there is still quite a lot of customer service involved. You must be committed as it entails at least 3 years to complete the qualification. Good hand/eye coordination is also important but the slicing skills are actually acquired gradually throughout the apprenticeship.

HOW MUCH CAN I EARN AS A BUTCHER?

When you first start your apprenticeship you will be on approximately \$300 per week, however a fully qualified butcher can earn in excess of \$700 per week. As manager of the Meat Department in a large supermarket, you can earn up to \$1000 per week.

HOW MANY HOURS CAN I EXPECT TO WORK IN A WEEK?

As an apprentice or fully qualified butcher the working week is normally 38 hours but as you move into management, the hours may be more depending on the needs of the store.

WHAT ARE MY EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS?

There is a real shortage of butchers right across Australia so it is an ideal career path to choose.

IF I WANT FURTHER INFORMATION WHERE CAN I GO?

www.woolworths.com.au
www.colesgroup.com.au
www.iga.net.au
www.amieiu.asn.au

INDUSTRY LEADER

Meet one of Australia's Leading young managers, Thom Cullen, Store Service Manager, Woolworths Manly.

Thom Cullen started working casually at Woolworths, Morningside when he was still in high school. After Thom completed Year 12, he was offered full time employment at Woolworths and decided to complete an apprenticeship in the Meat Department. He worked full time and was given time off to attend TAFE where he completed the qualification; Certificate III in Meat Retailing within 3 years.

Within 2 years of becoming a fully qualified butcher, Thom was offered the Assistant Manager position in the Meat Department. Thom worked in this capacity for two years until he became the Meat Manager at Woolworths, Camp Hill.

After 2 years as Meat Manager, Thom was amongst a select few who were chosen to undertake Store Management Training within Woolworths. Thom is now working as the Store Services Manager at Woolworths, Manly, where he supervises the 'behind the scenes' administration staff and recruitment needs of the store.

At 25 years of age, Thom Cullen has been with Woolworths for 9 years and is living proof that Woolworths offers very lucrative career paths for their motivated staff.

