

# SSGIN09 Yard and Gin Cleaner

## 1. Job role

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| TCF sub-sector                                                    | Cotton Ginning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Functional area                                                   | Support and seasonal roles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Job role                                                          | SSGIN09 Yard and Gin Cleaner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Job role description                                              | <p>Maintains cleanliness, safety and operational readiness across cotton gin facilities, including processing areas, yards and equipment.</p> <p>In the Australian cotton ginning sector—characterised by high-throughput seasonal operations—the Yard and Gin Cleaner plays a critical support role in ensuring safe and efficient plant performance. The role involves removing cotton build-up, debris and waste that can impact machinery performance, fire risk and workplace safety.</p> <p>The position works across production and yard areas, supporting operators, maintenance teams and supervisors to maintain a clean, hazard-free environment during peak and off-season periods.</p> |
| Performance expectations                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining clean and safe work environments</li> <li>• Removing cotton waste and debris from plant and yard</li> <li>• Supporting operational efficiency through housekeeping</li> <li>• Preventing fire hazards and contamination</li> <li>• Assisting with basic site and plant tasks</li> <li>• Ensuring clear access to equipment and work areas</li> <li>• Following WHS and environmental procedures</li> <li>• Responding to instructions from supervisors</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Specialisation                                                    | Industrial cleaning, cotton waste removal, yard maintenance, plant housekeeping                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Application in other Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) sectors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural processing facilities</li> <li>• Manufacturing and industrial cleaning roles</li> <li>• Construction and site maintenance</li> <li>• Warehousing and logistics environments</li> <li>• General facility maintenance operations</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## 2. Key tasks and critical work functions

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| Key tasks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning plant floors, machinery and work areas</li> <li>• Removing cotton lint, dust and debris</li> <li>• Maintaining yard cleanliness and organisation</li> <li>• Assisting with waste disposal and collection</li> <li>• Supporting minor maintenance and housekeeping tasks</li> <li>• Ensuring clear access to walkways and equipment</li> <li>• Using cleaning tools and equipment</li> <li>• Reporting hazards or issues to supervisors</li> </ul> |
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| Critical work functions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining safe and hygienic working conditions</li> <li>• Reducing fire risk associated with cotton dust build-up</li> <li>• Supporting efficient plant operation</li> <li>• Preventing contamination and blockages</li> <li>• Ensuring accessibility and organisation of work areas</li> <li>• Supporting compliance with safety standards</li> <li>• Contributing to overall operational efficiency</li> </ul> |
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### 3. Technical skills

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| Industrial cleaning       | Cleaning plant and yard environments     |
| Waste handling            | Managing cotton waste and debris         |
| Basic equipment use       | Using cleaning tools and machinery       |
| Hazard identification     | Recognising unsafe conditions            |
| Site maintenance          | Maintaining yard and facility conditions |
| Material handling support | Assisting with simple handling tasks     |
| Basic documentation       | Reporting issues when required           |
| Safety procedures         | Applying WHS practices                   |

### 4. Generic Skills

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| Attention to detail | Ensuring thorough cleaning and organisation |
| Reliability         | Consistently supporting operations          |
| Communication       | Following instructions and reporting issues |
| Teamwork            | Supporting production and maintenance teams |
| Time management     | Completing tasks efficiently                |
| Physical capability | Performing manual cleaning tasks            |
| Safety awareness    | Maintaining safe work practices             |

### 5. Emerging skills

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| Emerging skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of mechanised and automated cleaning systems</li> <li>• Fire risk management practices</li> <li>• Environmental waste management</li> <li>• Digital reporting tools</li> <li>• Sustainable cleaning methods</li> <li>• Improved ergonomic techniques</li> </ul> |
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### 6. VET Qualifications and Skill Sets

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| Entry-level preparation | No skill set or qualification. |
| Advanced development    | No skill set or qualification. |

## 7. Job progression

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| Possible job progression | Yard and Gin Cleaner → Assistant Ginner / Process Worker →<br>Materials Handling Operator → Ginning Machine Operator |
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## 8. Classification

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| Australian Qualifications Framework                               | Level 1-2                            |
| Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)<br>Skill Levels             | Skill Level 5                        |
| Open Source Classification of<br>Occupations for Australia (OSCA) | Cleaner / Yard Hand - Cotton Ginning |



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