

SSALT04 Bridal / Formalwear Alterations Specialist

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1. Job role

TCF sub-sector	Clothing and Footwear Repairs and Alterations
Functional area	Clothing Alterations and Repairs
Job role	SSALT04 Bridal / Formalwear Alterations Specialist
Job role description	Provides specialist alteration services for bridal gowns, eveningwear and formal garments. Responsible for precision fitting, structural reshaping and delicate fabric handling. Typically found in medium enterprises or franchise networks with dedicated bridal services.
Performance expectations	• Deliver flawless fit for high-value garments. • Maintain garment integrity and embellishment detail. • Ensure precise measurement and alignment. • Meet event-driven deadlines. • Provide sensitive and professional customer service.
Specialisation	• Wedding gowns. • Evening and red-carpet garments. • Beaded and lace fabrics. • Corsetry and structural bodice adjustments.
Application in other TCF sectors	Transferable to couture tailoring, costume production and bespoke garment services.

2. Key tasks and critical work functions

Key tasks	• Conduct detailed bridal fitting consultations. • Perform complex bodice and hem alterations. • Reshape lace and embellished fabrics. • Adjust corsetry and internal supports. • Conduct multiple fitting sessions. • Perform final finishing and pressing.
Critical work functions	• Maintaining embellishment integrity. • Preserving fabric delicacy and structure.

	- Managing strict event deadlines. - Ensuring accurate measurement and symmetry. - Maintaining high emotional intelligence in customer interaction.
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3. Technical skills

Advanced garment fitting	Precision bridal measurement techniques.
Corsetry adjustment	Reshaping structured bodices.
Delicate fabric handling	Working with lace, silk and beading.
Structural reinforcement	Adjusting internal garment supports.
Pressing and finishing	Professional bridal garment finishing.
Alteration costing	Accurate pricing for high-value garments.

*Technical skills identified as emerging skills in TCF industry.

4. Generic Skills

Attention to detail	Maintain precision in complex alterations.
Communication	Provide calm and clear guidance to clients.
Problem solving	Resolve complex structural fitting issues.
Time management	Manage event-driven deadlines.
Customer orientation	Deliver sensitive and professional service.

5. Emerging skills

Emerging skills	- Sustainable bridal alterations and garment reuse. - Digital appointment scheduling systems. - Online pre-fitting consultation tools.
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6. VET Qualifications and Skill Sets

Entry-level preparation	MST31022 Certificate III in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles or equivalent.
Advanced development	MST40222 Certificate IV in Apparel and Fashion or MST50122 Diploma of Apparel, Fashion and Textiles or equivalent.

7. Job progression

Possible job progression	Senior Alterations Specialist → Bridal / Formalwear Specialist → Owner-Operator.
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8. Classification

Australian Qualifications Framework	AQF Level 3-4.
Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Skill Levels	Skill Level 3 .
Open Source Classification of Occupations for Australia (OSCA)	399433 Dressmaker / Tailor - Bridal context.



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