

SSWOL08 Yard Hand Cleaner

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1. Job role

TCF sub-sector	Wool Scouring
Functional area	Support and Seasonal Roles
Job role	SSWOL08 Yard Hand / Cleaner
Job role description	Maintains cleanliness, order and basic operational support across wool scouring facilities, including yards, plant areas and storage zones. In the Australian wool scouring sector—characterised by high mechanisation and lean operational structures—the Yard Hand / Cleaner plays a fundamental support role in ensuring safe, efficient and hygienic working environments. The role supports production continuity by maintaining clear workspaces and assisting with basic tasks. The position works across multiple areas of the site, supporting production, maintenance and logistics teams in maintaining operational readiness and compliance with safety and environmental requirements.
Performance expectations	• Maintaining clean and safe work environments. • Supporting operational efficiency through housekeeping. • Removing waste and contaminants from work areas. • Assisting with basic site and yard tasks. • Ensuring clear access to equipment and materials. • Following WHS and environmental procedures. • Responding to instructions from supervisors. • Supporting general facility upkeep.
Specialisation	Industrial cleaning, waste removal, yard maintenance, basic site support operations.
Application in other TCF sectors	• Manufacturing facility support roles. • Construction and industrial site maintenance. • Warehousing and logistics operations. • Agricultural processing facilities.

	General cleaning and maintenance services.
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2. Key tasks and critical work functions

Key tasks	- Cleaning plant floors, equipment and work areas. - Removing waste, debris and contaminants. - Maintaining yard and outdoor areas. - Assisting with material movement when required. - Supporting minor maintenance and housekeeping tasks. - Ensuring clear access pathways and safety zones. - Using cleaning equipment and tools. - Reporting hazards or issues to supervisors.
Critical work functions	- Maintaining safe and hygienic work environments. - Supporting efficient production operations. - Preventing contamination and workplace hazards. - Ensuring compliance with safety and environmental standards. - Supporting plant accessibility and organisation. - Assisting broader operational teams. - Contributing to overall facility efficiency.

3. Technical skills

Industrial cleaning	Cleaning plant and equipment areas.
Waste handling	Removing and disposing of waste materials.
Basic equipment use	Using cleaning tools and machinery.
Site maintenance	Maintaining yard and facility conditions.
Hazard identification	Recognising unsafe conditions.
Material handling support	Assisting with basic handling tasks.
Basic documentation	Reporting issues and activities.
Safety procedures	Applying WHS practices.

4. Generic Skills

Attention to detail	Ensuring thorough cleaning and organisation.
Problem solving	Identifying and reporting issues.
Time management	Completing tasks efficiently.
Communication	Following instructions and reporting.
Teamwork	Supporting production and maintenance teams.
Physical capability	Performing manual tasks.

Safety awareness	Maintaining safe work practices.
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5. Emerging skills

Emerging skills	• Use of mechanised cleaning equipment. • Environmental waste management practices. • Integration with site safety systems. • Basic digital reporting tools. • Sustainable cleaning and waste reduction practices. • Improved ergonomic work methods.
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6. VET Qualifications and Skill Sets

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

7. Job progression

Possible job progression	Yard Hand / Cleaner → Process Worker → Materials Handling Operator → Production Operator.
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8. Classification

Australian Qualifications Framework	Level 2.
Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Skill Levels	Skill Level 5.
Open Source Classification of Occupations for Australia (OSCA)	899999 Labourers nec.



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