

# URBAN PLANNER

An Urban/ Statutory Planner is responsible for assessing planning proposals in line with various legislative requirements including the Planning and Environment Act 1987, Local Council Planning Schemes, and the Subdivision Act 1988. The role requires innovative and efficient decision-making to achieve high-quality community outcomes, alongside providing excellent customer service throughout the planning application process.

## Key Duties may include

- **Policy Adherence:** Ensure all planning decisions align with Council policies, especially the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision, Municipal Strategic Statement, and Local Planning Policy.
- **Application Assessment:** Timely assessment and decision-making on statutory planning applications, including managing notifications and coordinating referrals.
- **Community Engagement:** Communicate effectively with the community, providing advice and facilitating mediation meetings as necessary.
- **Liaison:** Work with land surveyors and developers to ensure compliance with Titles Office and Council requirements.
- **Committee Participation:** Attend and brief Delegated Planning Committee meetings as required.
- **Advice Provision:** Offer written and verbal advice to Councillors, staff, the community, and developers.
- **Tribunal Representation:** Prepare submissions and represent the Council before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Participate in departmental continuous improvement initiatives.
- **Customer Service:** Deliver friendly and responsive service to all internal and external customers, adhering to the Statutory Planning Customer Service Charter.

## Entry to this role

- To become a Urban / Statutory Planner you will need a Tertiary qualification in Statutory Planning or a related field. The role also deals heavily with the community so good customer service skills are required.

## Study pathways:

In Victoria, there are several universities and institutions where you can study to obtain a degree in Urban or Statutory Planning. Here are some options:

## Universities:

1. **The University of Melbourne:**
  - **Program:** Bachelor of Design (Major in Urban Planning)
  - **Program:** Master of Urban Planning
  - **Website:** University of Melbourne - Urban Planning
2. **RMIT University:**
  - **Program:** Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours)
  - **Program:** Master of Urban Planning and Environment
  - **Website:** RMIT University - Urban Planning
3. **Monash University:**
  - **Program:** Master of Urban Planning and Design
  - **Website:** Monash University - Urban Planning
4. **Deakin University:**
  - **Program:** Bachelor of Environmental Science (Environmental Management and Sustainability) with a focus on planning.
  - **Website:** Deakin University - Environmental Science

## TAFE and Vocational Education:

1. **Swinburne University of Technology:**
  - **Program:** Diploma of Local Government (Planning)
  - **Website:** [Swinburne University - Planning](#)

## Professional Development and Short Courses:

1. **Planning Institute of Australia (PIA):**
  - **Program:** Various professional development courses and workshops.
  - **Website:** [PIA - Professional Development](#)