

CAREERS IN UNDERGROUND LOCATING

A career beneath your feet.

A guide for young people thinking about a real future in the trades, from the team at GeoRadar Australia.

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— THE OPPORTUNITY

An industry the whole country relies on

Every road, building, pipeline and power upgrade starts with the same question: what's underground? Finding the answer safely is a real skill, it's in demand everywhere, and not many people do it. That's an opportunity.

Underground locating sits right where hands-on trade work meets serious technology. If you like being outdoors, solving problems, and knowing your work actually keeps people safe, it's worth a look.

— WHY IT'S A SMART MOVE

- **In demand everywhere.** Every dig, on every site, needs to know what's below first.
- **Hands-on and high-tech.** You'll work with ground-penetrating radar, electromagnetic locators and purpose-built vacuum excavation trucks.
- **Not stuck at a desk.** Different site, different challenge, most days of the week.
- **Real responsibility.** Get it right and you stop strikes, outages and injuries before they happen.
- **Room to grow.** From trainee to certified locator, crew leader, and beyond.
- **Skills that travel.** Civil, mining, utilities and government all need this work.

— WHAT THE WORK ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE

Locating and marking services before a dig. Exposing them safely with hydro (water and vacuum) excavation. Clearing and inspecting drains and pipes with jetters and CCTV cameras. Real outcomes you can point at.

Your path in

01 Finish school and lean into the practical subjects

Maths and tech help, but attitude and reliability matter just as much.

02 Get the basics sorted

A driver licence and a construction white card open most doors on site.

03 Find your way in

An apprenticeship or traineeship, a start as a labourer or offsider, or a relevant course. [Add local TAFE / RTO and apprenticeship options]

04 Get certified on the job

Work toward Dial Before You Dig accreditation and locating competencies as you learn.

05 Keep building

Add skills, take on more responsibility, and grow into a senior or leadership role.

— WHAT WE LOOK FOR

Show up, be reliable, be willing to learn, work well in a team and take pride in the job. The rest can be taught.

— TALK TO US

GeoRadar backs young people getting into the trade. [Add how: work experience, a yarn, mentoring, apprenticeship intake] If you're curious about a career underground, get in touch.

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"There's a great career under everyone's feet. We want more young people in our region to see it."

[Draft quote for approval] Jimmy Wilkins, Owner, GeoRadar Australia

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