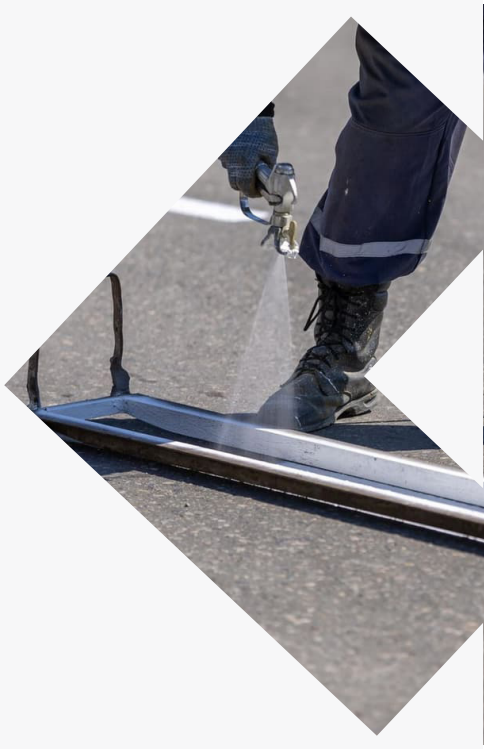
ROADS AND PAVEMENTS CAREERS | QUEENSLAND

WHAT'S A LINE MARKER?



YOU'VE SEEN THIS JOB EVERY TIME YOU'VE BEEN ON A ROAD — AND IT PAYS BETTER THAN YOU'D THINK. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS.

YOU'VE SEEN EVERY LINE. YOU'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHO PAINTS THEM.

ROAD LINES, SAVE LIVES. THAT'S YOUR JOB.

Every white line, every arrow, every 'STOP' painted on the road, someone put it there. That someone is a line marker. And here's the thing: a road isn't finished, or safe, until it's marked. You're the last crew on the job.

It's not just paint. A lot of road marking is thermoplastic, a tough material that's melted and laid down hot, with tiny glass beads mixed in so the lines glow in your headlights at night.

You run the machine that lays it, follow the plan exactly, and get every line straight and every symbol perfect. Get it right and every driver knows where to go. That's why precision is the whole job, and why it pays more than most people expect.

NOT JUST PAINTING LINES

You're laying a safety system that every driver reads at 100km/h. Precise machine work, hot materials, live roads, day and night. A line in the wrong spot is a real problem — so skill and care are exactly what you're paid for.

A line-marking machine lays the centre line, hot and straight, with glass beads so it glows at night. The last crew on the job — and the reason the road works.

THE PAY

BETTER THAN YOU THINK

Start around $28–38 an hour on the crew, roughly $60k–$75k. Experienced operators earn $40–55/hr, which is $80k–$100k, and more again with night shifts.

TIME & SKILLS

EARN AND LEARN

You're paid from day one, and crews take on trainees with no experience. You can turn it into a funded qualification while you work. In Queensland, if you're under 25, the government covers your training.

WHAT YOU NEED

A LICENCE AND A WHITE CARD

A driver's licence and a White Card to start. A truck licence and a traffic control ticket help you step up — the crew helps you get them. No Year 12, no degree, no experience to begin.

WHERE COULD A CAREER IN ROADS TAKE YOU?

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A CAREER THAT GROWS WITH YOU.

You start on the crew and learn the craft — set-out, materials, the machine. Every ticket and every skill is more money. The best operators are precise, trusted, and paid for it — then it's leading the crew and running the jobs."

TRAINEE / CREW LINE MARKER Day one, no experience; set-out and prep	**$60–$75K**
LINE MARKING OPERATOR Runs the machine; lays the lines and symbols	**$80–$100K**
CREW LEADER / LEADING HAND Runs the crew and the marking plan	**$100–$120K**
LINE MARKING SUPERVISOR Runs multiple crews and projects	**$115–$140K**

*Salary ranges are indicative of industry salary ranges as of August 2026.

SEE YOUR OWN WORK

Every line you lay is out there for years, and you can point at it. Precise, satisfying work with a result you can actually see.

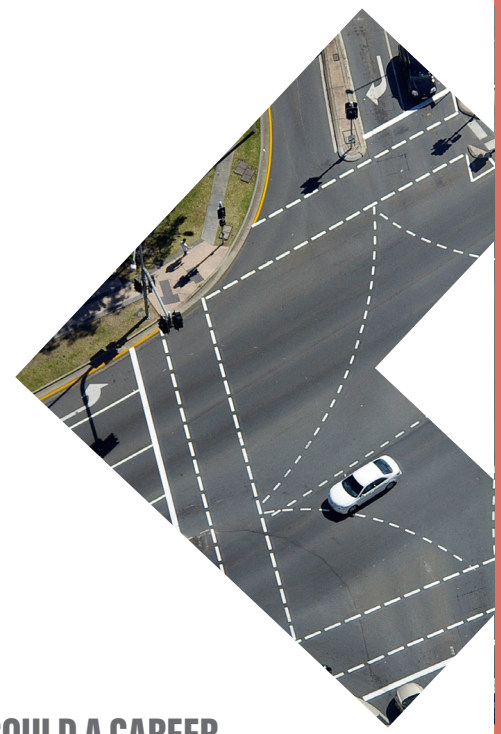
DAY, NIGHT, EVERYWHERE

Roads, highways, car parks, race tracks — all sorts of jobs, all over the state. Night shifts pay more, and no two days look the same."

A RARE STEADY TRADE

Not many people can mark a road properly, so good operators are always wanted. Every road ever built needs re-marking, the work never runs out.

From there — into traffic management and road safety planning, wider civil crews, or run your own line-marking business. Car parks, warehouses, sports courts and schools all need marking, not just roads. Your tickets travel across the industry."



IS THIS YOU?

TICK THE ONES THAT SOUND LIKE YOU.

- [ ] You'd like your work seen by every driver on the road
- [ ] You like neat work and getting the details right
- [ ] You'd enjoy working with a small crew
- [ ] You don't mind some night work
- [ ] You want to earn while you learn, with no uni debt

TICKED THREE OR MORE? THIS COULD BE YOUR JOB.

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