



Clean Things

# Dry Cleaning Worker

## Other names for this job

Dry cleaner

## What do dry cleaning workers do?

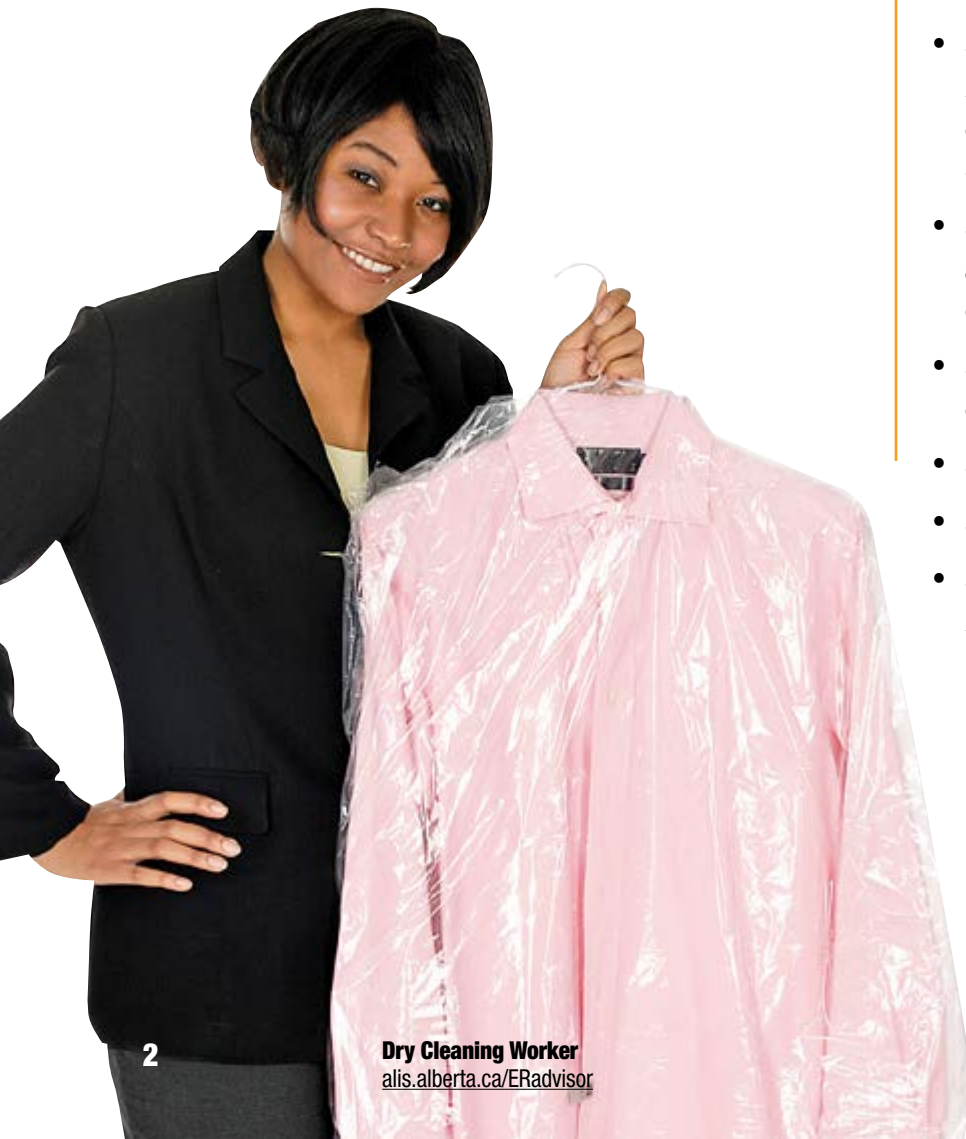
Dry cleaning workers clean clothes and other things. For example, area rugs, pillows and curtains.

## Meet a dry cleaning worker

Lee is a dry cleaning worker. She works in a dry cleaning store.

Here are things that Lee does:

- She talks to customers at the counter. She takes their dry cleaning. She answers the customers' questions. For example, they ask about spots on their clothes.
- She uses a computer. She puts information about the customers' dry cleaning into the computer. She prints bills.
- She sorts the clothes. For example, she puts all the clothes of one colour together.
- She puts clothes into dry cleaning machines.
- She unloads the machines.
- She presses clothes.
- She puts the clean clothes into plastic bags.





## What is Lee's work like?

Lee works an 8-hour **shift**. She starts work at 8 a.m. She works weekdays and some Saturdays.

Lee stands when she works. She has to lift clothes, carpets and bottles of chemicals. These things can weigh up to 10 kilograms (about 22 pounds).

The dry cleaning store has bright lights and fresh air. But it is often very warm in the store. The machines aren't very noisy.

Lee has to be careful. She removes spots from clothing. She uses chemicals. She also presses clothes. She uses hot irons and a pressing machine. She doesn't want to burn herself.

## Do you want to be a dry cleaning worker?

- You must be careful with the dry cleaning. You must be careful with chemicals.
- You must like to work with machines.
- You need to do the same work again and again.
- You need to understand customers. You have to answer their questions.
- You must work well with **co-workers** and customers.

### tip

Do you see words in **bold**?  
You can look up these words at  
[alis.alberta.ca/ERdictionary](http://alis.alberta.ca/ERdictionary).

## What education do dry cleaning workers need?

- Dry cleaning workers learn on the job. They don't need a high school **diploma**. Employers like workers who have **experience** with customers and with computers. Sometimes employers want workers with Grade 10.

You can ask your **career advisor** or tutor about working as a dry cleaning worker.





## What can dry cleaning workers do in the future?

Some dry cleaning workers with experience become **supervisors**.

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### How much does a dry cleaning worker make?

A dry cleaning worker usually makes between \$15.00 and \$18.48 per hour.

## Other jobs to think about

**Carpet and upholstery cleaners** clean carpets. They also clean furniture that has **upholstery**. They go to customers' homes and businesses.

**Counter persons** serve customers at a counter. For example, in a fast food restaurant or coffee shop. Counter persons take customers' orders. They make coffee and get other drinks. They put orders on trays and in bags.

**Laundry workers** sort, wash and fold things. For example, clothes, sheets and towels. They use washing machines and dryers. Laundry workers may work in hospitals, hotels or large cleaning plants.

## Do you want more information?

You can find the information below at [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo). Or you can ask your career advisor or tutor.

- OCCinfo profile: Dry Cleaning Worker
- Easy Reading Dictionary

You can also ask your career advisor or tutor about jobs that are like Dry Cleaning Worker.

