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Mining, Resources & Energy sector, fastest growing industry on SEEK

The latest SEEK data has revealed there were 6.6 per cent new job ads on SEEK this April than 12 months ago.

Michael Ilczynski, Managing Director for SEEK Australia and New Zealand, confirmed at a national level the Mining, Resources & Energy sector enjoyed the largest advertising growth of all industries on SEEK this April, up 55 per cent year on year [y/y].

“For the past five years, the Mining, Resources & Energy sector has been among the industries with the lowest job ad growth on SEEK, so this is very encouraging news for people looking at working in this industry, or those looking to develop their career in this industry,” Ilczynski said.

“This latest advertising growth on SEEK for the Mining, Resources & Energy industry is not just isolated to April. Over the past three months [February to April 2017], advertising across Australia for this industry has risen 70 per cent y/y, when compared to the corresponding period in 2016.

“This improvement, while off a low base, also reflects the sharp increases in prices of Australia’s largest resources, coal and iron ore, though some of these rises have since partially reversed,” Ilczynski continued.

The fields where Mining, Resources & Energy professionals were most sought after across Australia this April, and their average advertised annual salaries on SEEK were:

- Mining Engineering & Maintenance \$123,445
- Mining Operations \$113,451
- Mining Drill & Blast \$107,138

While in Western Australia [WA], total new job ads across the state rose 12.7 per cent y/y this April.

“The industry offering the most job opportunities across WA this April was Mining, Resources & Energy, which mirrored the national trend by being the sector that enjoyed the largest advertising growth across the state this April, rising 60 per cent y/y,” Ilczynski continued.

Reflecting the national results, the fields with the greatest demand for labour in Mining, Resources & Energy in WA this April, and their average advertised annual salaries on SEEK were:

- Mining Engineering & Maintenance \$126,465
- Mining Operations \$111,973
- Mining Drill & Blast \$104,455

Across all other states and territories this April, there was improved year on year job ad growth on SEEK.

“In NSW and Victoria, Australia’s largest labour markets, advertising on SEEK was up 2.3 per cent y/y and 7.4 per cent y/y respectively,” Ilczynski said.

“In both states, the Information & Communications Technology sector continued to offer the most job opportunities on SEEK.”

New job ads on SEEK for South Australia rose 18.4 per cent y/y this April. Fuelling this growth were the following industries; Trades & Services [up 34 per cent y/y], Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics [up 7 per cent y/y] and Healthcare & Medical [up 4 per cent y/y].

“This strong job ad growth on SEEK for South Australia, marks 25 consecutive months of positive advertising trend growth for the state.

“Job ads on SEEK across Queensland rose 8.8 per cent y/y this April. This advertising growth comes after a slight dip in March [down 2 per cent month on month] as a result of the effects of Cyclone Debbie and the timing of Easter,” revealed Ilczynski.

In other states and territories, job ads on SEEK were:

- Up 10.1 per cent y/y in Tasmania [TAS]
- Up 5.5 per cent y/y in the Australian Capital Territory [ACT]
- Up 1.2 per cent y/y in the Northern Territory [NT]

CANDIDATE AVAILABILITY

There were mixed conditions across the country for hirers and jobseekers this April.

“Relative to 12 months ago, conditions this April were tougher but it was still a candidate’s market in NSW and Victoria,” Ilczynski said.

“In South Australia, Queensland, and the ACT this April, the competition conditions were challenging for both job seekers and hirers, with little year on year change in Queensland and the ACT. In South Australia, there was a slight improvement for jobseekers.

“While in WA, TAS, and the NT, it was a hirer’s market this April. For each job advertised there was a higher than average number of candidates applying, creating more competition for job seekers but providing hirers with a larger pool of candidates to choose from,” Ilczynski added.

INDUSTRY FOCUS

Job ads on SEEK for Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics industry grew 9 per cent from February to April 2017 compared to 12 months earlier.

The national average advertised annual salary on SEEK for Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics professionals is \$72,343.

Across Australia from February to April 2017, the fields with greatest demand for workers across the industry were:

- Warehouse, Storage, and Distribution
- Road Transport
- Assembly & Process Work



“Job ads on SEEK for Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics have been on an upward trend since 2014,” revealed Ilczynski.

“Over the past three month [February to April 2017] the strongest demand for professionals in this industry was seen across NSW, Victoria and Queensland.

“However, the rate of advertising growth for the Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics sector in NSW [up 6 per cent y/y] and Victoria [up 5 per cent y/y] has been the slowest of all the states and territories from February to April this year, when compared to the corresponding period in 2016.

“Queensland [up 23 per cent y/y] and South Australia [up 22 per cent y/y] enjoyed the fastest growth,” Ilczynski added.

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