



Construction and Trade roles

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Bricklayer

Bricklayers build houses, repair walls and refurbish stonework. Your working environment may be physically demanding and outdoors in all weathers. You will also work at heights and travel within this role. You could do a college course or start as a construction site labourer and take training on the job to become a bricklayer.

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Carpenter

Carpenters and joiners make and install wooden structures, fittings and furniture. You could do a Level 2 Accessible Apprenticeship in Carpentry/Joinery and work in a workshop, at a business, on a construction site or at a client's home. The job may be dusty, involve working at height and also travel.

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Construction Labourer

Construction labourers work on practical tasks on construction sites from the start to the end of building projects. Some jobs involve using plant machinery, like dumper trucks where you'll need to be 18 or over and have a driving licence. You will also need a good level of fitness and work well with your hands.

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Electrician

Electricians fit, service and repair machines, equipment and wires. A college course can give you some of the technical knowledge and practical skills you'll need to become an electrician. You'll still need practical experience in the workplace to become fully qualified.

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Kitchen and Bathroom Fitter

Kitchen and bathroom fitters install kitchens and bathroom suites in homes and businesses. You could do a college course or Accessible Apprenticeship in Carpentry or Joinery and will need to have good maths skills as well as physical skills like lifting, bending and carrying.

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Paintsprayer

Paint sprayers apply coatings and protective finishes to cars, vans, motorbikes and other vehicles. You could do a Level 3 Accessible Apprenticeship, or paint spraying and finishing as part of an engineering course. The role could involve setting up painting equipment, sanding down and preparing the outside of vehicles or matching/mixing colours and shades of paint.

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Painter and Decorator

Painters and decorators apply paint, wallpaper and other finishes to the inside and outside of buildings. You could start work as a painter and decorators labourer or 'mate' and your employer may give you the chance to take further training on the job to become a qualified painter and decorator. You'll need to be able to work at heights for this job.

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Road Worker

Road workers build and repair roads and motorways. You could do a Level 2 Road Surfacing Operative Accessible Apprenticeship or you may be able to apply for jobs if you've got experience in labouring or groundwork. You will also need to be aged over 18 and have a driving licence to do this role.

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Scaffolder

Scaffolders put up scaffolding on buildings and structures to let other workers do their jobs safely. You could start by taking a college course in construction which will teach you some of the skills you'll need to get a trainee position with a company. You could join a company as a trainee scaffolder or scaffolding labourer, and get qualifications on the job.

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