



# Tiler



## Tiler apprenticeships

### What does a tiler do?

Tilers utilise and install a wide range of ceramic, slate and marble tiles for walls and floors in kitchens, bathrooms, shops, restaurants and other domestic and commercial properties.

Working as a tiler can be varied. You will typically work with your client to advise them on the different options that they could consider, and will then use different techniques to install those tiles.



### Which apprenticeships are there as a tiler?

- Intermediate: Wall and floor tiler (level 2)



### What could your typical daily tasks include?

- Talking to the client about their needs for the tiled area and assisting with the selection of materials
- Estimating the number of tiles needed
- Repairing and removing old or broken tiles from floors and walls
- Preparing surfaces by levelling with plaster, sand or cement
- Using tools to cut and re-shape tiles
- Fixing tiles to the walls or floors



### How long will the apprenticeship take to complete?

A typical apprenticeship will take between 2.5 – 3 years to complete.



### How much could you earn?

As a qualified tiler, you can earn on average between £17,000 - £32,000 a year depending on your experience and location.



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### Useful skills you will develop as a tiler

- Attention to detail
- Ability to follow patterns and shapes
- Knowledge of building and construction
- Communication and time management
- Mathematical skills to take measurements
- Practical skills to work with handheld tools

### Qualifications you might need

- Entry requirements will be determined by individual employers. Some employers may require certain GCSEs, but the majority of employers will be looking for someone with a willingness to learn and a genuine interest in tiling.
- If you have completed a level 1 qualification in construction or multi-trades, this can help to demonstrate basic skills to the employer.

### Qualifications you will gain

- The apprenticeship qualification.
- If level 1 in maths and English have not already been achieved, then you will work towards this by the end of your apprenticeship.
- Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) – which provides proof of training to ensure you can work safely in construction.

### Other trades and professions that tilers might interact with:

- Plasterers
- Plumbers
- Project managers
- Bricklayers
- Decorators



### How could you progress?

By gaining skills and experience as a tiler, you could also have a successful future career as a:

- Team leader/supervisor
- Project manager
- Clerk of works
- Teacher/trainer
- Specialist tiler
- Business owner – by starting your own business

