



Roofer

Roofing apprenticeships

What does a roofer do?

Roofers install a range of roofing materials, such as slate and tile roofs, skylight windows, waterproofing systems and lead sheeting and cladding.

Roofers may work on a building site or on domestic or commercial properties.

You will work outdoors and often at height.



Which apprenticeships are there as a roofer?

- Intermediate: Roofer (level 2)



What could your typical daily tasks include?

- Removing or repairing broken tiles or slates
- Cutting and fitting roofing felt and insulation
- Interpreting drawings and calculating the materials needed for a job
- Applying waterproof membranes to flat roofs
- Checking the condition of roof timbers
- Fitting flashings around chimneys, windows and walls



How long will the apprenticeship take to complete?

A typical apprenticeship will take around 2 years to complete.



How much could you earn?

As a qualified roofer, you can earn on average between £17,000 - £35,000 a year depending on your experience and location.



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Useful skills you will develop as a roofer

- A broad understanding of health & safety
- Communication skills and team working
- Physical fitness and endurance
- Ability to work at height
- Ability to use initiative
- Practical skills in using a variety of equipment

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 becoming a roofer.

Qualifications you will gain

- The apprenticeship qualification.
- If GCSEs in maths and English have not already been achieved, then you will work towards Level 2 by the end of your apprenticeship.

Other trades and professions that roofers might interact with:

- Electricians
- Architects
- Project managers
- Engineers
- Green energy specialists e.g. solar panel installers



How could you progress?

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

- Team leader/supervisor
- Site manager
- Roofing surveyor
- Specialist in tiling and slating (after further training)
- Business owner – by starting your own business

