



Plastering apprenticeships

What does a plasterer do?

Plasterers prepare walls and ceilings for decoration and finishing. They apply plaster onto walls, floors and ceilings to provide a protective function to make buildings more robust.

Plasterers work in a variety of settings, from small-scale domestic jobs to large-scale repair and restoration projects.

As a plasterer, you may be working indoors or outside and as part of a team or individually.



Which apprenticeships are there as a plasterer?

- Intermediate: Plasterer (level 2)



What could your typical daily tasks include?

- Estimating the amount of materials needed for a job
- Preparing surfaces to make them level and carrying out any repairs required
- Using tools and measurements to make the right consistency of plaster
- Fixing internal plasterboards to partition rooms
- Rendering external walls to protect them against weather elements



How long will the apprenticeship take to complete?

A typical apprenticeship will take around 3 years to complete.



How much could you earn?

As a qualified plasterer, you can earn on average between £19,000 - £34,000 a year depending on your experience and location.



Plasterer



Useful skills you will develop as a plasterer

- A broad understanding of health & safety
- Communication skills and team working
- Working quickly and efficiently
- Attention to detail
- Ability to organise your time and workload
- 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 plasterer

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 plasterers might interact with:

- Project managers
- Architects
- Tilers
- Plumbers
- Painters & decorators



How could you progress?

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

- Team leader/supervisor
- Project manager
- Teacher/trainer
- Senior plasterer
- Business owner – by starting your own business

