



# Bricklayer



## Bricklaying apprenticeships

### What does a bricklayer do?

Bricklayers lay bricks, blocks, and other types of components to build, extend and repair buildings or structures.

A bricklayer may be responsible for constructing walls, foundations, partitions, arches, chimneys, and other structures. They may also provide support to refurbish brickwork or masonry on restoration projects.

As a bricklayer, you could be working outside, on a construction site or indoors.



### Which apprenticeships are there as a bricklayer?

- Intermediate: Bricklayer (level 2)



### What could your typical daily tasks include?

- Following the build plans to calculate the number of bricks required
- Mixing mortar by hand or using a mechanical mixer
- Laying bricks correctly to create a safe structure
- Using hand tools to shape, trim and check levels of the bricks
- Many jobs are outside, but there can be indoor work too. Some jobs might involve working at height too



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

A typical apprenticeship will take between 2 - 2.5 years to complete



### How much could you earn?

As a qualified bricklayer, you can earn on average between £17,000 - £40,000 a year, depending on your experience and location



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### Useful skills you will develop as a bricklayer

- Attention to detail
- Understanding how to work safely
- Ability to deal with complex shapes
- Ability to follow technical plans/drawings
- Ability to use initiative & maths knowledge
- 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 becoming a bricklayer

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 GCSEs in maths and English have not already been achieved, then you will work towards Level 2 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 bricklayers might interact with:

- Plasterers
- Plumbers
- Architects
- Project managers
- Carpenters
- Estimators



### How could you progress?

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

- Team leader/supervisor
- Site or project manager
- Specialist in heritage brickwork or stonemasonry
- Teacher/trainer
- Business owner – by starting your own business

