



Painter and Decorator



Painting & decorating apprenticeships

What does a painter and decorator do?

Painters and decorators apply paint, wallpaper and other finishes to the inside and outside of buildings, including properties and locations such as houses, schools, offices, hospitals, factories, and construction sites.

Painters and decorators could be working either indoors or outdoors, sometimes at height and could be working individually or as a team.



Which apprenticeships are there as a painter and decorator?

- Intermediate: Painter and decorator (level 2)



What could your typical daily tasks include?

- Stripping wallpaper or layers of paint
- Working out how much paint or wall covering is needed for a job
- Using brushes, rollers, spray, power-assisted rollers, and special effect tools
- Applying wallpaper with lining paper, standard papers, and digital print
- Mixing paint to the right shade, including using computerised colour-matching equipment
- Adding special finishes like stains, varnishes, and marbling



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 painter and decorator, 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 painter and decorator

- A broad understanding of health & safety
- Communication skills and team working
- Understanding customer needs
- Time and workload management
- 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 painter and decorator.

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 painters and decorators might interact with:

- Project managers
- Architects
- Interior designers
- Other painters & decorators



How could you progress?

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

- Team leader/supervisor
- Project manager
- Teacher/trainer
- Interior designer or Set designer
- Business owner – by starting your own business

