

PLASTERER LEVEL 3

THE FACTS

The full cost	£9,500
Employer cost	£0 - £950
Employer incentive	£0 - £1,000
Duration	24 months
Attendance	Workplace & day release
Start dates	Roll on roll off
Assessment	Knowledge Test, Skills Test and Oral Questioning
Wages	£3.70 min.

OVERVIEW

The occupation covered by this apprenticeship standard is for a Plasterer that will specialise in either Solid or Fibrous plaster work after undertaking the core learning.

All plasterers can work on their own or as part of a small team. They work on small-scale domestic jobs, repairs and restoration and on big commercial developments such as schools or hospitals.

Plasterers will often complete dry lining projects during their career. Although a person may specialise solely in dry lining, a plasterer must have the knowledge of dry lining in addition to their knowledge and skills to plaster.

Whilst some plasterers are directly employed by companies specialising in plastering, there are a lot who are self-employed and are sub contracted by companies to work on new or existing buildings.

Solid plastering

Solid plastering involves applying a range of plastering systems on to different background surfaces using traditional and modern materials. Background surfaces include solid plain walls, walls with openings and returns, ceiling joists and partitions, beams and piers that are attached or independent of walls. Solid plastering work includes preparing solid backgrounds by hand and mechanical means and installing sheet materials such as expanded metal lath/rib lath, standard angle beads, skim beads, stop beads, expansion beads and reinforcements for the application of one, two or three coat plastering systems. As a solid plasterer you would mainly be installing products on site.

Entry Requirements

- Ideally candidates will have GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) in English and maths

Core Knowledge

- Health & Safety
- Customer Service
- Communication
- Buildings
- Materials
- Considerations before completing plastering work
- Dry Lining

Core Skills

- Materials
- Safe working
- Working environment
- Fixing and jointing plasterboard
- Plastering
- In-situ moulds
- Running moulds
- Repairing existing plaster
- Install cast mouldings

Fibrous plastering

Fibrous plastering involves creating plaster components with either a modern contemporary design or with an ornamental to a classical design. These components could include lighting troughs, beam and column casings, ceiling roses, complete ceilings, cornices, panel mouldings and many others. They are produced using plaster that is reinforced with hessian canvas and timber laths (fibrous) or artificial fibres (GRG). As a fibrous plasterer you would produce work in a workshop in addition to installing products on site. You will find fibrous work in traditional and modern buildings and sometimes in the film industry.

Specific Knowledge & Skills Requirements

Solid Plastering

- Plastering
- Rendering
- Ancillary works

Fibrous Plastering

- Reverse moulds
- Casting
- Restoration of existing mouldings

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