

PLASTERING

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Are you strong? Do you have an eye for detail? Would you enjoy working with precision tools? Are you creative? Do you like a challenge? Then, you could become a plasterer!



What the work is like

Plasterers apply, maintain and restore plaster on interior and exterior walls, and on ceilings.

Plasterers are employed by construction companies and by plastering contractors or they may be self-employed.

Plasterers work in the new home building and renovation, and institutional and commercial construction sectors.



Your duties

As a plasterer, your duties may include:

- Applying, levelling and smoothing coats of plaster
- Spraying coats of stucco over the exteriors of buildings to form weatherproof surfaces
- Cleaning and preparing surfaces
- Mixing plaster ingredients
- Finishing corners and angles and creating decorative designs
- Spraying finish over walls and ceilings



Work conditions

The standard work week for plasterers is 40 hours (8 hours a day, 5 days a week). As with many careers in construction, there are peak periods that will require you to work overtime. The number of additional hours you work each week depends on the construction sector and region you work in, and will vary from one job to the next.

As a plasterer, you will work mostly indoors, with some outdoor work. You may work alone or with other construction crew members. The job is physically demanding—you will be on your feet most of the time.

As with all careers in the construction industry, safety is the top priority. Plasterers are trained to work safely, and use equipment such as masks and safety goggles to protect themselves from dust.

Building your career

With experience and additional training, you can move into supervisory or estimator positions. You can also become self-employed and contract your services for smaller jobs.

As with most careers in the construction industry, your skills are portable. If you want to move, you can take your skills with you.

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