

CONSTRUCTION



JOB TYPES: Joinery, plumbing, bricklaying, electrician, ground working, painting and decorating, maintenance, and general labouring

HOW DO I GET INTO CONSTRUCTION?

If you are interested in a career in construction, you should:

- Have good practical skills, enjoy working with your hands
- be reliable, motivated and passionate about construction
- committed to the working hours which can vary over a 24 hour period
- prepared to work in all weathers and possibly at height
- be willing to travel for work, have access to good public transport links or have your own vehicle to be able to get on to construction sites early

WHAT DO I NEED?

No formal academic qualifications are needed but you should:

- have basic English and practical Maths skills as measuring is frequently needed
- hold a CSCS card (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) this is required to get work experience or a job on a construction site. We can support you to get one through our Development Awards programme, ask your mentor to find out more. Useful link about CSCS here: <https://www.cscs.uk.com/>

WHAT IF I HAVE A CONVICTION?

Previous offences should not stop you getting a job in construction but you should be honest with your employer

WHAT ARE THE WAGES AND SHIFT PATTERNS LIKE?

Work on building sites typically starts early, around 7.30am, usually working 39 hours a week. Work at weekends and evenings may be required sometimes.

Entry level jobs are usually paid at National Minimum Wage, but hourly rates can range from £7.05 to £11 per hour.

Year 1 Apprentices will typically earn around £160 per week, and this increases with each year of the apprenticeship.

General labouring on construction sites is normally obtained through recruitment agencies.

If you want to specialise in a trade, a college course or an apprenticeship are the best places to start

Random drugs testing takes place on building sites and can result in dismissal

