

Construction Apprenticeships

Course Information

Construction is a massive industry that employs around 7% of the UK's workforce and is always in demand of skilled professionals. Jobs within the industry include skilled bricklayers, building technicians, carpenters, plasterers, painter and decorators, architects and many more.

To work in the construction industry, employees need to be practical and good with their hands, able to plan work accurately and carefully, be interested in working indoors and outdoors and physically fit. There are also plenty of opportunities to move into construction management or even work abroad on contracts.

Bricklayers salaries range from £17,500 to £25,000 a year.

Source: Connexions

Carpenter/joiner salaries range from £12,500 to £21,000 a year.

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What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are high quality work-based training programmes for people who want to earn while they learn and gain practical and transferable skills that today's employers are looking for.

Who are they for?

Apprenticeships are open to anyone living in England and not taking part in full-time education.

What do I need to start?

1. Previous training

- Two GCSEs D–G.

2. A job

You will need to have a job in the construction industry. You can either find an employer yourself or we can assist you with your job search. Call us to find out more.

How long will my apprenticeship take?

Each apprenticeship lasts up to two years.

What will I get out of it?

Earnings

Recent research found that apprentices earn an average of £170 net pay per week. Research also shows that apprentices earn, on average, over £100,000 more throughout their lifetime than other employees. As of August 2009 the minimum wage for an apprentice aged 16 years is £95 per week.

Qualifications

When you have successfully completed your apprenticeship in Construction you will gain:

- NVQ Level 2 in the construction subject that you have chosen
- CITB/City & Guilds Intermediate Construction Award
- Health & Safety qualification (CSCS card)
- Key Skills.

Prospects

Apprenticeships train you in the skills employers want, so when you've finished you can carry on working, maybe get promoted, or go on to higher education in a college or university.

Within the construction industry, there are also plenty of opportunities to move into construction management or even work abroad on contracts.

How much does an apprenticeship cost?

The government cover the full cost of training for 16–18 year olds and contribute towards costs for those aged 19 or above.

How do I apply?

To apply for an apprenticeship you will need to fill out and return an application form.

To request an application form:

Tel: 01234 291000

Email: apprenticeships@bedford.ac.uk

Once complete, please send your application form to:

Apprenticeships
Bedford College
FREEPOST BF356
Bedford
MK42 9BR

Once we have reviewed your application form we may invite you for an interview and assessment.

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