

CONSTRUCTION

NOC 7284

PLASTERER (T.Q.A.A., voluntary certified trade)

WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Plasterers apply and finish building materials and repairs to walls and ceilings at a construction site or renovation project.

They:

- clean and prepare surfaces,
- mix plaster ingredients in a trough to desired consistency,
- apply level and smooth coats of plaster using trowels, floats, brushes and spraying equipment,
- trowel or spray coats of stucco over exteriors of buildings,
- cure freshly plastered surfaces,
- finish corners, tape joints, fill cracks, smooth excess compound.

Plasterers work both indoors and outdoors, usually in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. The work is somewhat cyclical and seasonal, involving shift work. A five day work week of 35 to 40 hours is standard. There is a potential for injury and dust and hazardous materials could be harmful. There is heavy lifting, bending, and standing during the work day.

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Plasterers?

- construction companies,
- plastering, drywalling and lathing

- contractors,
they may be self employed.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

A Plasterer is a voluntary certified trade.

A person may or may not have a valid Certificate of Qualification but a registration as an apprentice is recommended to work in the trade. Under TQAA, for **voluntary** trades, the Cooperative Education student does not have to be a registered apprentice and therefore does not have to be paid during school hours. **Students who become registered apprentices may be paid** according to the Regulations.

SALARIES/WAGES

The salary of the Plasterers depends on the employer. In unionized places the wages and conditions of work are negotiated collectively. The rate of wages for an apprentice is a specified percentage of a journeyperson's wage according to experience and level of training.

In the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area, Plasterers can earn \$ 12.02 - \$ 22.59 per hour, averaging \$ 20.70 per hour.

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PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: *very good*

At the present time there is a shortage in the Plasterer trade, especially for the experienced speciality worker.

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE PLASTERER TRADE

- takes about 3 years or 6 400 h, including 720 h of in-school post secondary training; prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies,
- must pass the Certificate of Qualification exam to receive both a Certificate of Apprenticeship and a Certificate of Qualification with journeyman status,
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is not available in this trade.

In-School Education:

An OYAP student must be 16 years old and have completed Grade 10 (or equivalent). Otherwise, Grade 10 is the minimum requirement, however, completion of Grade 12 (OSSD) is advantageous. The following competencies are valuable:

English, *Communication skills*
Mathematics,
Construction Technology.

OYAP students must be full-time students in high school and those who obtain apprenticeships will complete the apprenticeship curriculum in college or an approved Training Delivery Agent.

Specific skills learned in school are: safety, applied trade calculations, hand and power tools, materials and joiners, taping, smoothing surfaces, finishing corners, applying compound and sanding, spray acoustic material and texturing fabricating suspended ceilings.

On the Job Training

- As a high school Cooperative Education credit (towards O.S.S.D.), learning is connected to one of the school subjects.
- The Apprentices must follow a program in the **Apprenticeship Training Standards** book which is given to them in the workplace when they register. As each competency is achieved the employer signs it off.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

A Certificate as a Plasterer is not needed to start working in the Plasterer trade but an apprenticeship is recommended. After that, Plasterer may:

- become a foreperson or a supervisor,
- start own business as contractor,
- work in related areas or occupations.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Drywall Applicator,
- Drywall Finisher,
- Wood Lather.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Whom should I call?

School Guidance/Co-Op Office
Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788
London: 1 800 265 1050
Apprenticeship web: www.edu.gov.on.ca
EMOLTB web site: www.localboard.on.ca
Training Hotline: 1 800 387 5656
Union: International Union of Painters and Allied Trade Local 1590 519 337 3791