

## CONSTRUCTION

## NOC 7284

### DRYWALL, ACOUSTIC AND LATHING APPLICATOR (T.Q.A.A., voluntary certified trade )

#### WORK DESCRIPTION

*What would I be doing?*

Drywall Applicators perform some or all of the following installations:

- exterior framing and sheeting, mouldings, furring and lathing products,
- thermal, fire, sound, and vapour barrier insulation and sealants,
- moulded and cast forms,
- acoustical and wall and ceiling panels,
- interior window and door frames and fixtures.

Drywall Applicators 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 Drywall Applicators?*

- construction companies,
- plastering, drywalling and lathing contractors,
- they may be self-employed.

#### CONDITIONS OF WORK

##### **A Drywall, Acoustic and Lathing**

**Applicator 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 Drywall Applicators 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, Drywall Applicators 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: *good*

The demand is currently high for Drywall Applicators, however, the economy heavily influences this trade.

## APPRENTICESHIP IN THE DRYWALL, ACOUSTIC AND LATHING APPLICATOR TRADE

- takes 2 ½ - 3 years or 5 400 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 of 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,  
Design Technology,  
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 journeyman is **not** needed to start working as an applicator but an apprenticeship is recommended. After that, Drywall Applicator may:

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

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Plasterer,
- 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](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca)  
EMOLTB web site: [www.localboard.on.ca](http://www.localboard.on.ca)  
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