

CONSTRUCTION

NOC 7295

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLER (T.Q.A.A., voluntary certified trade)



WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Floor Covering Installers install carpet, linoleum, vinyl, and other resilient floor coverings in residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings. They perform some or all of the following installations:

- measure, cut, and fasten underlay and underpadding,
- measure, cut, and install carpeting using hand and machine stitcher, seaming iron, bonding tape,
- stretch carpeting using knee-kicker or power stretcher, and secure carpeting to floor or other surfaces using staple gun or other devices,
- measure, cut, and install resilient floor covering using adhesive, rollers and other hand tools,
- install hardwood floors using staples, glue, nails or other means,

Floor Covering Installers work indoors. The work is somewhat cyclical and seasonal. A five day work week of 35 to 40 hours is standard. There is a potential for injury. Heavy lifting, dust and hazardous materials could be harmful.

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Floor Covering Installers?

- construction companies,
- floor covering contractors,
- carpet and tile outlets

- they may be self employed.

CONDITIONS OF WORK

A Floor Covering Installer 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 Floor Covering Installers 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, unionized Floor Covering Installers can earn \$ 12.76 - \$ 25.52 per hour, averaging \$ 19.14 per hour.

(Over)

PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: *good*

There is currently a need for skilled Floor Covering Installers.

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE FLOOR COVERING INSTALLER TRADE

- takes 2 to 3 years or 6 000 h, (including 720 h of in-school post secondary training); prior education and experience may shorten the time needed to complete the competencies,
- must pass the Certificate of Qualification to receive both a Certificate of Apprenticeship and a Certificate of Qualification with journeyman status,
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is 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,	<i>Communication skills</i>
Mathematics	<i>ability to work</i>
Design Technology	<i>unsupervised</i>

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, applying compound and sanding, measuring, stitching, estimating costs.

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 installer but an apprenticeship is recommended. After that, an installer may:

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

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Contractor,
- Repairers,
- Servicers.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Whom should I call?

School Guidance/Co-Op Office
Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788
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Apprenticeship web: www.edu.gov.on.ca
EMOLTB web site: www.localboard.on.ca
Training Hotline: 1 800 387 5656
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