

BRICKLAYER

Nature of the Work

The work of the modern Bricklayer touches almost all aspects of building - industrial and commercial building, apartments and homes. A Bricklayer constructs walls, partitions, fireplaces, chimneys and other structural forms from brick or other masonry materials such as firebrick, concrete, cinder or gypsum block, structural tile, terra cotta, and stone. They work with all materials put together with mortar involving the use of such tools as the trowel; chisel; jointer; brick hammer and power saws for cutting bricks. They understand and work from blueprints. They also use measuring, leveling and aligning tools to check their work.

Working Conditions

Much of the work is out of doors and generally depends on suitable weather conditions. Modern construction methods along with heater and plastic enclosures stretch the season for bricklaying construction making it independent of inclement weather. Bricklayers are on their feet all day and do considerable stooping and bending. At times work is done from scaffolding which may be high above the ground.

Interest and Personal Qualities

A person interested in this field would be involved in a variety of duties requiring fairly close tolerances, limits, or standards. Bricklaying requires careful, accurate work by the craftsman. To be a Bricklayer, one should enjoy working with one's hands and accept working outside under many different weather conditions. Good eyesight is especially important to quickly determine lines and level. Manual dexterity is also important.

General Requirements

- Age 18 or older.
- Good physical condition - must be physically capable of performing the work of the trade.
- American citizenship.
- High school diploma or GED.

Admission Requirements

- \$25 application fee.
- Complete an application.
- Take reading and math tests.
- Be interviewed by the Board of Trustees.
- Applicant may be required to furnish a statement of physical condition.

Terms of Training

- Length of Apprenticeship - 3 years.
- Minimum Hours of Related Classroom Training - 144 each year.
- Indentured to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and Assigned to a Local Union.
- Length of Probationary Period - 6 months.

Recommended High School Courses

English, General Math, Algebra I, Geometry, Mechanical Drawing, Building Trades

Available Applications

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All applicants are afforded equal opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age or disability.