

PAINTER/DRYWALL FINISHER

Nature of the Work

Painters and drywall finishers prepare surfaces of buildings and other structures and then apply paint by means of brushes, rollers or sprayers. They work with varnish, enamels, lacquer and other materials. Painters and drywall finishers may also paint interior rooms or cover walls with paper, fabric, vinyl or other materials (paperhanger). The painters must be able to mix paints as well as do sandblasting and water blasting.

Working Conditions

Painters and drywall finishers work both indoors and out. Outside work is done in relatively mild weather. In some jobs, especially maintenance and redecoration of offices and building, the painter and drywall finisher may be required to work evenings or weekends. Work can be seasonal; however, new materials and methods tend to give more steady employment throughout the year. Physical and health hazards include the dangers of poisoning, falling from ladders and scaffolds, breathing paint fumes and dust. The work involves standing, bending, climbing and working with arms over the head most of the time.

Interest and Personal Qualities

Painters and drywall finishers must have good manual dexterity, neat work habits and not be afraid of working at heights. They must be able to do basic math. Painters and drywall finishers should not be allergic to paint fumes, toxic materials, or spray dust. An artistic sense, good eyesight, and a sense of color are necessary to do a first class job.

General Qualifications

- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be a U.S. citizen
- Minimum education - high school graduate or GED equivalent
- Good physical condition
- Reliable transportation
- No aversion to working at heights

Admission Requirements of JATC

- Medical examination required - eye exam (no color blindness)
- Credit for Armed Service - subject to review by committee
- Personal interview
- Credit for experience
- Drug and alcohol test may be required

Terms of Training

- Length of apprenticeship – 3 years
- 144 hours of related classroom instruction
- Indentured to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee
- 6 month probationary period

Recommended High School Courses

Math, science, wood working/finishing and blueprint reading are highly recommended.

Who to Contact / Available Applications

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