

WHY NOT TRY...

PLASTERING

What do Plasterers do?

Fibrous plasterers make, apply and fix the internal linings of commercial and domestic buildings.

A Fibrous Plasterer may perform the following tasks:

- > measure room walls, work out plasterboard layout and install insulation and moisture barriers
- > measure and mark cutting lines on plasterboard
- > cut plasterboard, lift and position panels, and nail, screw or glue them to walls, ceilings or wooden strips called battens
- > prepare corner beading panel mouldings, ceiling centres and other plaster fittings
- > cover joins and nail holes with wet plaster or sealing compounds and smooth them using wet brushes and sand paper
- > install fire-rated wall barriers
- > spray fibrous materials over surfaces to be covered
- > install acoustic walls and treatments
- > make fibrous plaster moulds in factories

Fibrous plasterers usually work in dusty conditions. They may have contact with the public.

Fibrous plasterers may specialise as:

- > fixers who install plasterboard sheets and cornices in buildings
- > sheet hands who make fibrous enrichments
- > modellers hands who make plaster moulds

How do I become a Plasterer?

To become a Plasterer you usually have to complete an Apprenticeship in General Construction (Wall & Ceiling Lining). Entry requirements may vary but employers generally require a minimum of Year 10. Training is usually both on and off the job. The off-the-job training is provided through Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), including Group Training Companies. Details of the training may vary depending on the needs of the employer and are finalised as part of the training agreement.

Qualifying as a Plasterer involves:

- > Three to Four years commitment
- > Attending paid work with a "host employer" for the duration of the apprenticeship
- > Attending off-the-job training at an RTO

Ideal personal requirements to be a Plasterer include:

- > Enjoy practical work
- > Good hand-eye coordination
- > Able to read and interpret plans
- > Able to work at heights
- > Able to do neat and accurate work



How can I do an apprenticeship? Talk to your local RSW representative.

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