



## Bricklayer

### Course Overview

- ◆ This apprenticeship programme includes learning about the primary role of a bricklayer, as they are a core function within the construction sector, particularly the house building sector.
- ◆ The apprentice will learn how to lay bricks, blocks and other types of building components in mortar to construct and repair walls, foundations, partitions, arches, and other structures. They may refurbish brickwork and masonry on restoration projects.
- ◆ They can work on a range of sites/projects such as large commercial developments, new builds in housing, alterations, extensions, and restorations.
- ◆ Students may work one-to-one or on larger jobs where a bricklaying group may work on a particular section of a building, alongside other bricklaying groups and individuals from other trades.
- ◆ Some of the core competencies the apprentice will learn include: understanding health and safety hazards, current regulations and legislation including COSHH/risk assessments and understanding the importance of method statements, understanding different types of construction methods, insulation considerations, sustainability, facilities management, fire, moisture and air protection, and understanding how to set out and build brickwork, including complex arches and surrounding brickwork, curved on plan, concave and convex brickwork and battered brickwork.

## Who is it aimed at?

It's open to all ages - not just school or college leavers, employed adults are eligible too. The course is for anyone interested in the following job roles:

- ◆ Bricklayer
- ◆ Trowel Occupations
- ◆ Maintenance Bricklayer
- ◆ Masonry Bricklayer

These roles can vary within bricklaying roles of domestic and commercial groups.

## Duration

- ◆ This apprenticeship takes approximately 12 to 18 months for the apprentice to fully complete.

## How is this apprenticeship delivered?

- ◆ As part of this apprenticeship programme, the apprentice will spend four days in the workplace and one day at college where they will undertake classroom training, portfolio building and will perform practical related projects.

## Entry requirements

- ◆ Employers set their own entry specification but the apprentice will complete Maths and English functional skills if they did not achieve GCSE grade 4 or above.

## Off-the-job funding rule

- ◆ The funding rules state that 20% of the apprentice's time must be spent completing off-the-job training, this may include different activities and is measured over the course of the apprenticeship.
- ◆ Apprentices will be required to undertake the equivalent of a day's training to meet this funding rule. This could be either attending BCoT, shadowing another department/role, online learning, or manufacturer training and will be fully documented in their portfolio.

## Progression opportunities

- ◆ Upon completion of the apprenticeship, with the transferable skills gained, the apprentice can progress into roles such as Technical Specialist, Facilities Management and Supervisory or Management roles across a wide range of sectors.
- ◆ The apprentice may also progress their training further and undertake relevant qualifications related to their role in the workplace.

## Did you know?

- ◆ An apprentice can be a new or existing employee.
- ◆ Apprenticeships are open to anyone living in England over the age of 16 and not in full-time education.
- ◆ Apprenticeship programmes can go up to degree level.
- ◆ BCoT is one of the largest providers of apprenticeships in the region. We work with large and small employers across all industry sectors.
- ◆ BCoT is in the top 30% of colleges nationally for timely achievement of apprenticeships for all ages and levels - National Achievement Rate Tables 2017/18.

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