

BRICKLAYER

Bricklayers work with clay bricks, pre-cut stone, concrete blocks and other types of building bricks in mortar to construct and repair veneer and full-brick constructions, partitions, arches and other structures.

Typical Duties:

Bricklayers may perform the following tasks:

- Work from plans and specifications
- Spread layers of mortar to serve as a base and binder for bricks, remove excess mortar, and check vertical and horizontal alignment
- Use various tools and brick-cutting machines to cut and shape bricks
- Construct arches and ornamental brickwork
- Repair and maintain clay bricks, cement blocks/bricks and related structures
- Erect scaffolding (subject to licence requirements in some states)

Bricklayers work outdoors and may have to work at heights.

Ideal Personal Requirements to gain an Apprenticeship:

- Able to handle physical nature of the position
- Ability to work at heights and outdoors
- Able to work with your hands
- Good sense of balance
- Must enjoy working in a team
- Entry requirements may vary but, generally, you need at least the successful completion of Year 10, including maths
- Having completed some work experience or study (VET/pre-apprenticeship program) in this industry is highly recommended

Education and Training to become qualified:

- Complete a 3 year Apprenticeship
- Trade school training is generally a mixture of 'on the job' and 'off the job training'

