

Resources

A wealth of opportunities to share information and inspire people to consider a career in construction.



What is Go Construct?

Go Construct provides resources for anyone looking for a career in the **construction** and **built environment** sector. We showcase the many rewarding opportunities available and help people from all backgrounds to enter an exciting and growing industry which has a huge impact on the UK's housing, industry and infrastructure.

We're here to support young people looking for opportunities to gain **skills** and **employment**, as well as more experienced people looking to change careers. Whether you've already chosen to enter the construction industry or are still deciding if it's the right fit, Go Construct provides information and advice on finding fulfilling, engaging roles that are right for your capabilities and interests.

Video resources

First-hand insight into what construction is really like.

Introduction to construction



**THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY IS A TERM
USED TO DESCRIBE...**

Getting started in construction



**CHOOSING A CAREER PATH
IN CONSTRUCTION IS
SUPER EXCITING**

How much can I earn in construction?



What roles are there?



A day in the life of a construction engineer



Interactive resources

Get involved.

Personality quiz

Under 16? Take our personality quiz, which shows you which area of construction is suited to you based on your likes and interests.

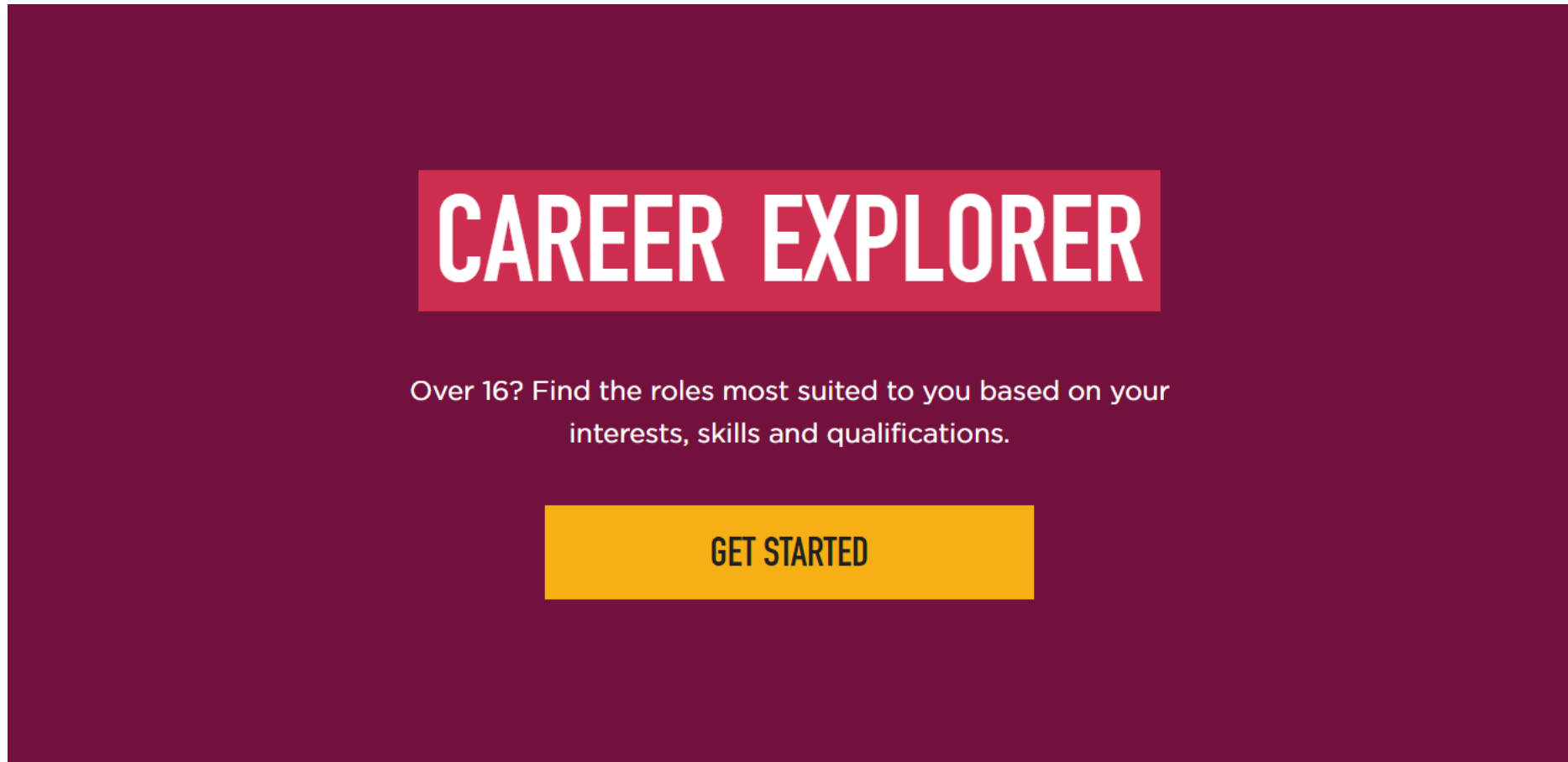
**GO CONSTRUCT'S
ULTIMATE QUIZ**

Under 16?
Take our quiz to find out which
construction personality type you are.
It's awesome.

LET'S BEGIN

Career explorer

Unsure where to start? Take our career explorer to find out which role is best suited to your skills, interests and qualifications.

A screenshot of a landing page for a 'Career Explorer' tool. The background is a dark maroon color. At the top center, the words 'CAREER EXPLORER' are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, set against a horizontal red rectangular bar. Below this, the text 'Over 16? Find the roles most suited to you based on your interests, skills and qualifications.' is centered in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom center, there is a bright yellow rectangular button with the text 'GET STARTED' in black, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

CAREER EXPLORER

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GET STARTED

The Wright Site Challenge

An interactive exploration of what starting out in construction is like, featuring puzzles, quizzes, games, activities and much more.

TAKE THE WRIGHT SITE CHALLENGE

What are my options?

Whatever your age, education, experience or skills, there's something in construction for you.

Apprenticeships

Earn a wage whilst learning a specific job

Highlights

- Take 1 - 5 years to complete
- Start your career straight out of school
- Time split between your employer and a training provider
- Focus is on learning hands-on skills relating to a specific job role
- Over 100 roles can be pursued through apprenticeships, with more being added
- Earn as you learn, with no tuition fees

Valued entry route

Open to anyone over 16, apprenticeships offer a chance to work on-the-job with experienced staff, and combine practical and academic learning.

Highly valued by employers, many apprentices quickly work their way up through the industry.

Find out more [here](#).

T Levels

Blend classroom learning with a work-based placement

Highlights

- Courses last two years
- You'll gain a technical qualification
- Minimum of 45 days spent in industry placements
- Develop your skills in a college setting
- Choose from over 25 varied courses
- No tuition fees

Increase your employability

A T Level is equivalent to three A Levels and is designed to provide you with specific skills and industry experience.

If you know which area of construction you'd like to work in and want to combine practical and theoretical classroom learning with a hands-on work placement experience, a T Level could be your perfect fit.

Subject areas

- Design, surveying and planning for construction
- Building services engineering
- Onsite construction
- Maintenance, installation and repair
- Manufacturing, processing and control.

Find out more [here](#).

College/training provider

Develop skills to prepare you for the future

Highlights

- Course lengths vary – from weeks to years!
- Gain further education and build technical, vocational or academic skills
- Prepare for a specific career path or higher level qualifications
- Study in person or online
- Choose from hundreds of course types – from joinery to accounting, and everything in between

Open to everyone

You can go to college to continue studying straight after finishing your GCSEs, or at a later stage in life to pursue new interests or improve your career prospects.

Colleges and training providers can prepare you for a specific career path or higher-level qualifications. Through further education (FE), you can build technical, vocational or academic skills in a wide variety of subjects.

So much choice

There are many courses which are directly linked to construction, such as bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, civil engineering, heritage skills and technician trades, along with supervision and management courses.

There's also other areas of the sector such as administration, accountancy, law, computer-aided design (CAD) and IT. Colleges can be the perfect stepping stone to university too.

Find out more [here](#).

Traineeships

Get ready for the world of work

Highlights

- Can last between 2 weeks to 6 months
- Prepares you for work or an apprenticeship
- Provides hands-on work experience and support with preparing CVs and applying for jobs
- Boosts literacy and numeracy skills
- Hundreds of opportunities available

Something new

A traineeship is all about preparation for the world of work. It's a short course that offers you a chance to demonstrate your capabilities and enables you to build the skills you need for an apprenticeship or job.

Construction traineeships are a combination of learning and work experience and are a useful route into the industry, where previous work experience is valued, and sometimes essential.

Are they for me?

Traineeships are designed for those who are:

- Eligible to work in the UK
- Aged 16 - 24 (or 16 - 18 in Wales)
- Unemployed and have little or no work experience
- With no qualifications above GCSEs (or equivalent)
- Motivated to work.

Find out more [here](#).

Work experience

Gain industry insight and skills for your CV

Highlights

- No limit on how long or short it could be
- Offers insights into the construction industry, so you can see if the job is for you
- Pick up new skills for your CV
- Chance to gain industry connections

Get a taste of construction

Work experience is a way to discover what different jobs in the construction and built environment sector are like.

Whilst qualifications are important, work experience of any type shows employers that you can put your knowledge into practice and have developed other important skills such as team work, reliability, communication, and logical thinking.

Why do it?

Work experience can help you get a feel for a job you're interested in and will improve your CV, making you more employable.

It also allows you to network and start making professional contacts within the field of work you're interested in, which could be useful for the future.

Find out more [here](#).

Apply for a job

Many people go straight into a construction job after school – check out our guide on [how to apply for a job in construction](#), which will give you advice on:

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- Writing CVs and job applications
 - Making the most of your employability skills when completing an application form or cover letter
 - How the application process for apprentices works
 - What to do when you have an interview
 - How you can keep building your skills once you get a job.

How to find a job?

- Build your CV
- Hone your skills
- Find a job you'll love
- Write a stand out application and cover letter
- Be interview ready.

Check out nearly 200 job roles [here](#).

Keep building your skills

Gaining additional skills and knowledge while working will also help you to progress in your job and open the door to new roles or specialisms and, possibly, a higher salary.

Some people continue studying whilst on the job, either part-time (with their employer's approval) or around their full time work, to gain professional qualifications, such as higher or degree apprenticeships or chartered status.

Thank you.

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