

SPOT THE SKILLS

JOB DESCRIPTION CARDS

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Ceiling fixers

Ceiling fixers specialise in fitting suspended ceilings. These are ceilings that are designed to hide wiring and pipework, as well as heating or air-conditioning systems. Most of the work is carried out in new developments such as offices, shops and factories.



Glaziers

A glazier measures, installs and replaces different types of glass in a variety of situations. Glaziers may also work with other materials, such as plastic or laminates, that make glass more safer and stronger. They are often also involved in building the framework for the glass.



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Scaffolders

Qualified scaffolders can work with the minimum of supervision to lead and carry out scaffolding operations. This includes setting base plates, putting up scaffolding poles and fixing guard-rails and safety netting. Their work allows others to carry out tasks at height safely.



Plant mechanics

Plant mechanics repair and maintain the machinery and vehicles used on construction projects. They need to be able to work on different vehicles and machinery, from concrete mixers to excavators, earth movers, cranes, bulldozers, dumper trucks and others.



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Carpenters and joiners

Carpenters and joiners work with wood, mainly in the structure of a domestic building (e.g. a house) or commercial building (e.g. a shopping centre). This can include floor joists, floorboards, roof trusses and wall partitions. They may also fit staircases, doors, skirting boards, cupboards and kitchens.



Bricklayers

Bricklayers help to set out buildings. They use bricks and mortar to lay the blocks and structure of a building in accordance with the construction plans. Bricklayers may work on a range of projects, such as new houses, alterations, extensions and large commercial developments (e.g. shopping centres).



Painters and decorators

Painters and decorators work with paint, varnish and wallpaper to decorate rooms, sometimes using complex techniques. They can work on a wide range of projects, which may be domestic (e.g. houses), industrial (e.g. warehouses) or commercial buildings.



Plasterers

Plasterers mix and apply different kinds of plaster to internal walls and ceilings to make them ready for decorating. They may also cover outside walls with coatings such as sand and cement render, pebbledash, stone-effect materials and machine-applied finishings.



Roof sheeting and cladding

Roof sheeting and cladding operatives make a building watertight by applying a lightweight covering made from metal, plastic or fibre cement to the roof (sheeting) and walls (cladding) of a building. It is a skilled job that requires specific training and they need a good head for heights!



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Electricians

Electricians install, inspect and test electrical equipment, ensuring its safe working. They work on a wide range of projects, from bringing power to homes to major engineering projects. They can also work with renewable technologies, such as wind turbines or solar power.



Floor layers

Floor layers work in people's homes and in commercial buildings. They prepare or fit the floor base and sometimes install the coverings (e.g. linoleum, carpets, wood and tiles). They may lay laminate or solid timber floors or, in commercial buildings, welded sheet or safety flooring.



Civil engineers

Civil engineers are involved with the design, development and construction of a huge range of projects. They ensure the safe, timely and properly resourced completion of projects in areas including highway construction, waste management, coastal development and geotechnical engineering.



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