

# Level 2 Bricklayer Apprenticeship



## D BRICKWORK

*This apprenticeship is designed for those that are looking to gain a career as a bricklayer.*

Bricklayers lay bricks, blocks and other types of building components in mortar to construct and repair walls, foundations, partitions, arches and other structures e.g., chimney stacks. They might also refurbish brickwork and masonry on restoration projects.

The range of sites and projects that bricklayers will work on include large commercial developments, new builds in housing, alterations, extensions and restorations.

A bricklayer may work one-on-one or on larger jobs where their bricklaying group (gang) may work on a particular section of a building alongside other bricklaying gangs as well as other trades.

### **Duration**

There will be an expectation for learners to achieve the Level 2 Bricklayer Apprenticeship 24-30 in months.

### **Knowledge:**

The job they have to do, their main tasks and responsibilities:

- Health & Safety
- Customer Service & Communication
- Buildings & Materials
- Brickwork and Alternative Techniques

### **Skills:**

Carry out tasks and responsibilities according to your job role:

- Preparation, Health & Health & Safety
- Masonry Structures
- Radial, Battered, Feature & Reinforced Brickwork
- Building Technology

### **Behaviours:**

- Positive & Mature attitude
- Quality Focused

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## Entry Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be new to brickwork
- Have English and Maths GCSE's or equivalent at grade D or be deemed able to achieve the required level as part of the apprenticeship
- Be employed a minimum of 30hrs per week and have the support of the employer to undertake the programme

## Delivery

Learner's will attend regular sessions at one of our Buildskill Plus centres, Online Sessions (remote) and have access to a range of online resources. They will have a visit once a month with their assessor who will guide them through their Apprenticeship and prepare them for their End Point Assessment.

Reviews of progress are carried out every 12 weeks with the learner, their line manager and the assessor. Additional workshops and seminars will be available to all learners to support additional learning and the 20% off job learning requirement.

## Commitment

20% of a learner's contracted hours must be given to support the completion of the programme. Tutor led sessions are a mandatory part of the course along with any other learning activities set by the assessor or tutor.

**Maths** and **English** may need to be undertaken in addition to the main qualification depending on previous attainment in these areas. It is likely that the learner will be required to undertake research, reading and write ups to support their learning. The programme requires 100% commitment from the learner & employer to ensure successful completion.

## End Point Assessment (EPA)

End Point Assessment (EPA) takes place at the end of the apprenticeship programme and is a comprehensive holistic assessment of the skills, knowledge and behaviours required as laid out in the apprenticeship standard.

The EPA for the Bricklayer Apprenticeship Standard will be assessed via three assessment methods, a Knowledge Test, Skills Test and Oral Questioning (underpinned by portfolio).

### Knowledge Test:

There are core knowledge areas in the occupation which a Bricklayer needs to be able to recall from memory and put into practice. e.g. Health and Safety. Therefore, a multiple-choice knowledge test will enable the testing of this ability.

### Skills Test:

Apprentices must be observed by an independent assessor completing work in an environment that reflects the realistic working environment in which they will demonstrate the KSBs assigned to this assessment method.

### Oral Questioning:

This assessment will take the form of an oral questioning session, which must be appropriately structured to draw out the best of the apprentice's competence and excellence and cover the KSBs assigned to this assessment method. It will involve the questions that will focus on coverage of prior learning or activity.

### Wages:

Apprentices' wages for 16+ or those aged 19+ (1<sup>st</sup> year) will be paid £4.81 per hour. 19+ after the 1<sup>st</sup> year will be paid national minimum wage.

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