

### Key Skills

- knowledge of building and construction
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to work well with your hands
- to be flexible and open to change
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to organise your time and workload
- physical skills like strength, balance and coordination
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

### Salary

£17,000 - £40,000

### Working hours

42 – 44

Between 8am-6pm  
could work away  
from home

# Bricklayer



## Top Tips

you'll need a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card or equivalent to train and work on a construction site

## Apprenticeship

You can do a bricklaying intermediate apprenticeship. This will usually take 2 years to complete. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time with a college or training provider

## Entry requirements

Some GCSEs, usually including English and Maths, or equivalent, for an Intermediate Apprenticeship (Level 2)

## College

You could take a college course to give you some of the skills such as:

- Level 1 Certificate in Construction Skills
- Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying
- Level 2 Diploma in Trowel Occupations

## Entry requirements

You'll usually need:  
2 or fewer GCSEs at grades 1 to 3, or equivalent for a level 1 course and 2 or more GCSEs at grades 3 to 9 or equivalent, for a level 2 course

## Work

You could start as a construction site labourer with a bricklaying 'gang' and take training on the job to become a bricklayer



## Career path and progression

- You could specialise in a particular type of bricklaying like heritage work or stonemasonry
- You could become self-employed and set up your own business
- With experience, you could become a construction site supervisor, or move into related areas like estimating, training or teaching apprentices or students in a further education college

## Day to Day tasks:

- use a trowel to lay bricks and mortar
- mix mortar by hand or with a mechanical mixer
- measure work areas and set out the first rows of bricks or blocks
- shape and trim bricks using hammers, chisels and power tools
- check that rows are straight using a spirit level, laser level or plumb line

## Working conditions

Your working environment may be physically demanding, outdoors in all weathers, at height and you might need to work away from home

# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

## Bricklayers and masons

Weekly Pay <b>£520</b>	Annual Pay <b>£27,040</b>
Hours/Week <b>46h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£11</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Contraction <b>-1.8%</b>	Replacement <b>50.5%</b>
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The workforce is projected to contract by -1.8% over the period to 2027, losing 1,300 jobs.  
In the same period, 50.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 35,000 job openings.

You might find this job in  
Construction  
Specialised construction  
Civil engineering  
Wholesale trade  
Other non-metallic

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## Architects

Weekly Pay <b>£940</b>	Annual Pay <b>£48,880</b>
Hours/Week <b>31h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£30</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth <b>4.3%</b>	Replacement <b>55.3%</b>
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The workforce is projected to grow by 4.3% over the period to 2027, creating 2,900 jobs.  
In the same period, 55.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 37,700 job openings.

You might find this job in  
Architectural & related  
Services to buildings  
Membership organisations  
Specialised construction

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## Steel erectors

Weekly Pay <b>£570</b>	Annual Pay <b>£29,640</b>
Hours/Week <b>53h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£11</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Contraction <b>-1.8%</b>	Replacement <b>50.5%</b>
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The workforce is projected to contract by -1.8% over the period to 2027, losing 200 jobs.  
In the same period, 50.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 4,900 job openings.

You might find this job in  
Metal products  
Civil engineering  
Specialised construction  
Basic metals

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# Labour Market Information

## Bricklayers and masons

Bricklayers and masons erect and repair structures of stone, brick and similar materials and cut, shape and polish granite, marble, slate and other stone for building, ornamental and other purposes.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines drawings, photographs and specifications to determine job requirements;
- marks and cuts stone using hammers, mallet and hand or pneumatic chisels;
- spreads mortar on foundations and bricks, and places, levels and aligns bricks in mortar bed;
- uses hand and power tools to shape, trim, carve, cut letters in and polish stone;

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## Steel erectors

Steel erectors fit and erect structural metal framework for buildings and other structures such as metal chimneys.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines drawings and specifications to assess job requirements;
- erects ladders, scaffolding or working cage;
- directs hoisting and positioning of girders and other metal parts and checks alignment;
- arranges for or undertakes bolting and welding of metal parts;

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## Architects

Architects plan and design the construction and development of buildings and land areas with regard to functional and aesthetic requirements.

Common tasks in this job:

- liaises with client and other professionals to establish building type, style, cost limitations and landscaping requirements;
- studies condition and characteristics of site, taking into account drainage, topsoil, trees, rock formations, etc.;
- analyses site survey and advises client on development and construction details and ensures that proposed design blends in with the surrounding area;
- prepares detailed scale drawings and specifications for design and construction and submits these for planning approval;

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## Useful Websites

[Home](#) | [Peterborough College](#)

[Bricklayer](#) | [Health Careers](#)

[Bricklayer Job Description \(How to Become?\)](#) | [Go Construct](#)

[How to become a Bricklayer - Careers - WorldSkills UK](#)

[Bricklayer](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)

[Bricklayer - British Army Jobs \(mod.uk\)](#)

## Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

### Bricklaying Apprentice



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkayp25ldz4>

### Boston College Bricklaying



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He06aTk0DKo>

### A day in the life of a Bricklayer



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fn-oB57o\\_wc&t=2225](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fn-oB57o_wc&t=2225)

### Be a Bricklayer in the British Army



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMZtszVEbf4>

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