

# Construction

## Plastering Level 2 Apprenticeship

### In Brief

#### Start Date / Duration

Apprenticeships can start at any time. This programme will take a minimum of 36 months to complete (not including Gateway period)

#### Entry Requirements

- Apprentices without level 1 English and maths will need to achieve this level and apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to take the tests for this level prior to taking the end-point assessment. For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement, the apprenticeship's English and maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3. A British Sign Language (BSL) qualification is an alternative to the English qualification for those whose primary language is BSL
- You will need to find an employer to employ you as an apprentice. Please see our [Apprenticeship vacancies](#)

#### You will achieve

Plasterer  
Level 2  
Standard

### Course Overview

The broad purpose of this occupation is to apply layers of plaster onto walls, floors and ceilings. Plastering serves a protective function, in that it makes buildings more robust and also an aesthetic function. Plasterers will often complete dry lining projects during their career. Although a person may specialise solely in dry lining, a plasterer must have the knowledge of dry lining in addition to their knowledge and skills to plaster.

### Course Content

The occupation covered by this apprenticeship standard is for a Plasterer that will specialise in either Solid or Fibrous plaster work after undertaking the core learning (which includes introductory elements

of both solid and fibrous plastering).

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with commercial and domestic customers, other trades, architects and site managers. All plasterers can work on their own or as part of a small team. They work on small-scale domestic jobs, large repair and restoration projects and on big commercial developments such as schools or hospitals, therefore coming into contact with a wide range of people.

Whilst some plasterers are directly employed by companies specialising in plastering, there are a lot who are sub contracted by companies to work on new or existing buildings.

An employee in this occupation will be responsible for:

### **Solid plastering**

Solid plastering involves applying a range of plastering systems on to different background surfaces using traditional and modern materials. Background surfaces include solid plain walls, walls with openings and returns, ceiling joists and partitions and beams and piers that are attached or independent of walls. Solid plastering work includes preparing solid backgrounds by hand and mechanical means and installing sheet materials such as expanded metal lath/rib lath, standard angle beads, skim beads, stop beads, expansion beads and reinforcements for the application of one, two or three coat plastering or rendering systems. As a solid plasterer you would mainly be installing products on site.

### **Fibrous plastering**

Fibrous plastering involves creating plaster components with either a modern contemporary design or with an ornamental enrichment to a classical design. These components could include lighting troughs, beam and column casings, ceiling roses, complete ceilings, cornices, panel mouldings and many others. They are produced using plaster that is reinforced with hessian canvas and timber laths (fibrous) or artificial fibres (Glass fibre Reinforced Gypsum). As a fibrous plasterer you would produce work in a workshop in addition to installing products on site. You will find fibrous work in traditional and modern buildings and sometimes in the film industry.

For more information please see the following link

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/plasterer-v2-0>  
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## **How will I be assessed?**

You will be assessed by your assessor using a portfolio of evidence, practical demonstrations and assignments. You will be assessed both in college and in your place of work.

## **What Equipment Will I Need?**

You will be required to provide paper, writing materials, A4 ring binder file, extra wide dividers and clear plastic wallets.

## **Where will I study?**

You will study within the workplace and attend classes at Barnsley College's Construction Centre, Honeywell Site, Honeywell Lane, Barnsley S75 1DP

## What can I do next?

On completion of this Apprenticeship, the apprentice will have satisfied the requirements to obtain a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Card at the appropriate level. As a result of achieving the Apprenticeship, there will be an entitlement to join the Federation of Master Builders' continuous professional development (CPD) scheme for individual tradespeople.

## How much does the course cost?

There is no cost to being an apprentice. All costs associated with your apprenticeship, including the cost of training and your salary, will be paid by your employer.

## Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on 01226 216 267.

## Extra information

### Contact the Apprenticeship Team

For further information please contact the team on 01226 216 166 or email: [apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk) [<mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk>]

## Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and Honeywell Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/>].

## Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Call 01226 216 769 for further information.

## English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't hold a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths, you will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards achieving a higher grade in English and Maths, we can help you do that too and we offer Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) which can be added to your study programme.

If you're aged 19 or above and don't hold a a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths we can help. We offer FREE English and Maths qualifications that can be studied on a part-time basis, subject to eligibility.

If you need any further information, please contact our Information Team by calling 01226 216 123 or emailing [info@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk) [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

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