

# Construction

## Plastering Level 1 Diploma Full-time

### In Brief

#### Start Date / Duration

This course will commence in September 2025 and will take one year to complete.

#### Entry Requirements

- You must be 16-18 year olds.
- You must hold GCSE English and Maths. One of these qualifications must be a minimum Grade 1 and the other must be a minimum Grade 2.

#### You will achieve

Level 1  
Plastering  
Diploma.

### Course Overview

In this course, you will acquire essential plastering skills for a career in construction. Topics include health and safety, preparing surfaces, fixing plasterboards, and applying various plaster coats. You will also gain practical experience in fibrous plastering on historic buildings. The course includes seven units, each with an assessment. Additionally, you will learn employability skills like teamwork, communication, CV writing, and self-management.

### Course Content

The qualification is unitised and has an assessment on the completion of each of the seven plastering and health and safety units. When the seven units training has been completed and assessed individually, you will have successfully completed the course.

This qualification covers the following practical skills and knowledge training:

- Health and safety in construction
- Preparing background surfaces for plastering
- Fixing plasterboards to different surfaces
- Applying background and backing coat plasters
- Applying finish plaster to backing coats and plasterboard surfaces

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed on each of the seven units within the qualification on the classroom theory knowledge you have developed. These include the principles of construction and health and safety, additional to the plastering knowledge units below.

You will also be assessed on the practical skills you have developed on five practical skills tests for preparing background surfaces, fixing plasterboard and applying different backing and finishing plasters to different surfaces. You will not be assessed until you have successfully completed the required training leading up to an assessment.

## What Equipment Will I Need?

Basic stationery for the classroom activities.

There are five points of Personal protective equipment (PPE) required in the workshop at all times. Each student is expected to provide their own safety boots and the department will provide the other four pieces:

- Hi-viz vest
- Hard hat
- Eye safety
- Gloves

## Where will I study?

Construction Centre  
Honeywell Lane  
Barnsley  
S75 1BP

## What can I do next?

Upon completion, you could progress onto the Level 2 Plastering Diploma.

See what careers are available in the Construction [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Construction-careers-2023-24.pdf] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=&region=Barnsley] , to find out what your next steps could be.

## How much does the course cost?

## Extra information

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