

Course Information

Construction Basic Skills- Bricklaying

Campus: Erdington Skills Centre, Edwards Road, Erdington, Birmingham B24 9EW

To book a place on this course please call the Employability Skills Team on 0121 362 1174

Hours and times per week

2.5 days per week

Attendance: Mondays/Tuesdays 8.30am – 3.30pm and Wednesdays (8.30am-3.30pm)

Duration

Part time 9 week course

Course Content

An increasing shortage of bricklayers threatens to undermine house building plans laid out by the Government. Compared to this time last year, more than twice the firms are reporting difficulties recruiting these tradespeople. Wages have risen in the face of rising demand, and bricklayers could earn £1,000 a week if they have the right skills and experience. This course covers the basics of bricklaying including the use of different materials, the use of specialist tools to spread and joint mortar and cutting bricks or blocks to size.

The programme provides comprehensive practical skills training and assessment with associated construction theory in safe working practices and building methods. This is a practical course aimed at learners seeking to gain basic construction skills. Achievement is measured by the completion of a portfolio of evidence.

Units covered include:

- Introduction to Health and Safety in Construction (Safety Signs, COSHH, PPE, Risk Assessment, etc.)
- Constructing Half Brick Walling (Setting up a mortar board, dry bonding, cross joints)
- Constructing Block Walling
- Constructing Half Brick Return Corners (Square measurements)
- Constructing Cavity Walls in Brick and Blockwork
- Constructing One Brick Walling

By the end of the course, you'll be able to answer these types of questions and lots more:

- What does HASAWA mean and why was it introduced?
- What is the minimum height for DPC?
- How many bricks would you need to cover the area of 10 blocks?
- Name a way of fixing a line to a brick wall?
- What is a cross joint or perp?
- What tool should be used to check a brick is level?
- Name 2 tools used to cut a block?
- What part of the trowel should you use to scrape your wall?

Qualification

City and Guilds 6218 Level 1 Certificate in Basic Construction Skills

Entry and eligibility requirements

You will need to demonstrate motivation and willingness to learn. Applicants will need to be unemployed and provide proof of benefits in order to be assessed for full fee remission.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The College will provide relevant personal protective equipment for all learners on this course, where required.

ID Requirements

Bank statement or other form of ID with address details on plus National Insurance Number

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