



"I always wanted a career where I could use my creativity and strength every day."

ABOUT THIS CAREER

Bricklayers prepare, lay brick and other masonry units to construct and repair structures such as walls, partitions, fireplaces and chimneys. They also lay or install fire brick or castable materials on commercial or industrial projects.

55,810 CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS NEEDED BY 2030*

**BuildForce Canada*

Contact the local union for more information on hourly pay, benefits, pensions and more.



You like working with your hands.



You are creative.



You have an eye for colour, line proportion.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read sketches & blueprints to calculate materials required
- Measure and construct corners first, using a plumb line & mason's level to ensure level layers
- Spread mortar and prepare and lay bricks, concrete blocks or other masonry units
- Cut and trim bricks & concrete blocks to specification using hand & power tools
- Understand properties of various mortars & other bonding materials, and how to handle different masonry units

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Entrance Requirements

3 years, includes a minimum 8 weeks of technical training and 1,600 hours of on-the-job training and exam. Journey person certificate awarded after successful completion. As an apprentice, you also earn while you learn.

To potentially qualify for credit to reduce length of apprenticeship term:

Completed courses of study, bricklayer-related work experience or related journey person certificate AND employer's recommendation.

To apply for a Prior Learning Assessment: Previous training/work experience in the trade **AND** desire to determine level of skill & knowledge or advanced standing in an apprenticeship program.

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

- Reading, communication, numeracy and problem-solving
- Ability to work with your hands
- Ability to work outdoors in diverse weather
- Strength and stamina
- Manual dexterity & a good sense of balance
- Ability to work with heavy materials
- Ability to get along well with co-workers

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a good eye for recognizing patterns, lines and proportions, this is a great asset for a bricklayer. In this career, you can be self-employed or work for construction companies and bricklaying contractors.



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