STRUCTURAL/ORNAMENTAL



"I like that we're a rare breed. We build towers in the sky, work on iron skeletons of high rises and inch along spans of bridges."

ABOUT THIS CAREER

Ironworker – Structural/Ornamental tradespeople fabricate and construct structural steel buildings, bridges, pre-cast structures, ornamental ironwork and join scaffolding. They erect structural steel and pre-cast components, install conveyors, secondary steel, curtain wall and sometimes perform reconstructive work on existing structures.

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 precise





You are comfortable working at heights & in diverse weather.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read blueprints & specifications to lay out work
- Safely operate tools & equipment
- Erect and install construction cranes & hoisting equipment
- Position steel units, align holes and insert bolts
- Check alignments and join steel parts by bolting or lock welding
- Assemble and erect prefabricated metal structures & related components
- Install ornamental/architectural and other structural metalwork

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Entrance Requirements

English 10-2 and Math 10-3 OR all five Canadian General Educational Development tests **OR** Entrance Exam.

Apprenticeship Program:

3 years, includes technical training and 4,500 hours on-the-job training, and exam.

Journeyperson certificate awarded after successful completion. As an apprentice, you also earn while you learn.

Key Skills & Attributes (technical training and on the job)

Strong communication skills,

- reading & numeracy Strong problem-solving &
- planning skills Ability to interpret blueprints
- Very good muscular coordination, agility & balance
- Ability to work at heights & lift in excess of 25 kg
- Ability to act quickly & decisively in emergencies
- Willingness to work at various work sites

DID YOU KNOW? Ironworking is a multi-faceted career and involves more than constructing buildings and bridges. Most ironworkers do more than one type of ironwork and each requires specific skills.





