

CEMENT MASON / CONCRETE FINISHER

ABOUT THIS CAREER

Cement masons/finishers construct, place and finish freshly poured concrete. They install, maintain and restore concrete structures.

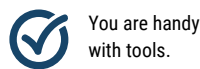
In this career, they can work with construction companies, cement and concrete contractors and manufacturers, or can be self-employed.

55,810 CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS NEEDED BY 2030*

**BuildForce Canada*

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

"I like physical work, but I also get to be creative and produce different finishes, textures and colours."



You are handy with tools.



You have good physical fitness and stamina.



You work well with a team and on your own.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Place concrete, check formwork and steel reinforcement materials
- Have knowledge of grouts, epoxy material & concrete curing materials
- Use a variety of power tools to cut, core, chip, grind & roughen surfaces
- Level top surface concrete according to grade and depth specifications
- Smooth surfaces, round edges & make joints or grooves to control cracking
- Apply components to cure, waterproof and restore surfaces
- Use machines like ride-on power trowels to finish large warehouse floors

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Entrance Requirements

Previously completed courses or work experience related to the cement mason/concrete finisher trade may qualify for credit that could reduce the term of apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship Program:

2 years, including 1680 hours of on-the-job training, 4 weeks of technical training and an exam in each year. Journey person certificate awarded after successful completion. As an apprentice, you also earn while you learn. The Concrete Finisher trade is part of the Red Seal Program.

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

- Reading, communication, numeracy and problem-solving
- Attention to detail
- Dexterity with tools and equipment
- Stamina and good physical fitness
- Hand-eye coordination
- Spatial perception

DID YOU KNOW?

Artistic skills and being physically able to balance, climb, crouch, crawl, kneel and lift heavy materials are advantages for cement masons. If you are an artist or an athlete, this may be a career for you!



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