

# Bricklaying

## Apprenticeship Level 2

Recruiting an apprentice can be a smart, cost-effective way of taking on a new bricklayer, or upskilling an existing member of your team.

This apprenticeship will prepare your trainee to work on a construction site, to given specifications, setting out basic structures, building brick and block walling, laying domestic drainage, placing and finishing concrete and render surfaces.

### Key Areas of Study

There are two vocational qualifications to the apprenticeship: firstly, a Level 2 Extended Diploma in Bricklaying; secondly, a Level 2 NVQ in Trowel Occupations.

Your apprentice will cover essential knowledge skills and competencies in both the technical diploma and the NVQ, together with optional units. The menu of optional units is detailed below from which you and your apprentice can select the areas of most importance to your organisation.

### Quick Information:

#### Modern Apprenticeships designed with employers

**Sector:**

Construction

**Who is it for?**

New recruits

**Start date:**

Flexible to suit employers

**Level:**

Level 2

**Duration:**

Minimum 24 months

**How does it work?**

Delivered in your workplace with one day a week at College for two years

**Content:**

Key competence and knowledge to suit your organisation

**Assessment:**

Work-based assessments throughout the course

**Qualification:**

Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying; Level 2 NVQ in Trowel Occupations



## Technical diploma units

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### Mandatory units

- Health, safety and welfare in construction
- Principles of Building Construction, Information and Communication
- Contribute to setting out and building of masonry structures up to damp proof course
- Carrying out blocklaying activities
- Carrying out bricklaying activities
- Carrying out cavity walling activities
- Building solid walling, isolated and attached piers
- Interpreting working drawings to set out masonry structures
- Construct cavity walling forming masonry structures

An optional unit in Producing Thin Joint Masonry and Masonry Cladding can also be taken in addition to the above to reflect the specific job role.

## NVQ units

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### Mandatory units

- Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace
  - Conforming to Productive Working Practices in the Workplace
  - Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace
  - Erecting masonry structures in the workplace
  - Setting out masonry structures in the workplace
- Trainees also cover one optional unit, determined by the type of work carried out on site.
- Erecting masonry cladding in the workplace
  - Erecting thin joint masonry structures in the workplace
  - Maintaining slate and tile roofing in the workplace
  - Producing external solid render finishes in the workplace
  - Producing internal solid plastering finishes in the workplace
  - Repairing and maintaining masonry structures in the workplace
  - Placing and finishing non-specialist concrete in the workplace
  - Installing drainage in the workplace

## **Training, Tutoring and Assessment**

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The whole programme takes 24 months to complete. Throughout each of the two years, your trainee will spend four days a week working with you on site as an apprentice bricklayer and the other one day a week in College building their skills and knowledge.

Whilst at College, your apprentice will receive training to cover the technical diploma units of the qualification.

The technical diploma is assessed through unit theory tests and practical end tests carried out in the College's workshop.

For the NVQ, assessment involves building a portfolio of evidence gathered in the workplace which demonstrates that apprentices cover the range of skills required for their qualification.

We will support you and your apprentice through regular one-to-one visits by a trained assessor every six to eight weeks. These visits will cover one-to-one support and individual learning, as well as observations to assess your apprentice's competencies in the workplace and a review of their portfolio of evidence.

## **Apprenticeship Entry Requirements**

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Apprentices will be required to have 4 x GCSEs with minimum Grades D / 3, including English and Maths, prior to being accepted onto the apprenticeship. We will provide any English and Maths tuition required. Experience in the industry would be beneficial but is not essential.

## Future / Other Opportunities

Apprenticeship in Trowel Occupations Level 3

Successful completion of this course enables learners to apply for the CSCS Blue Skilled Worker card.

## More Information

To find out more about the opportunities and financing of apprenticeships and to discuss your particular requirements, please email [employer@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:employer@sheffcol.ac.uk) or call **0114 260 2600** to speak to one of our friendly employer advisors.

## Why choose The Sheffield College?

As one of the region's largest providers of apprenticeships, The Sheffield College is more than just your local provider; we deliver the dedicated support you need to source, train and get the best out of your apprentice.

We have undertaken significant capital investment in supporting our construction trades provision. Staff are fully qualified and have vast experience within the industry, continuing to work on site themselves in some cases. This ensures that we stay up to date with the latest industry techniques and any new materials that come on to the market. It also means that we can relate well to learners' own experiences in the workplace and provide pastoral support in addition to guidance related to the course.

We appreciate how difficult and time consuming it can be to recruit staff. That's why, when you recruit an apprentice with us, our dedicated apprenticeship recruitment service, Job Connect, will advertise the vacancy, engage your candidates and even pre-screen them to make the process as easy as possible for you.

We help you get the best deal by finding the right funding and we handle the paperwork to make the process of arranging an apprenticeship training programme as smooth as possible. Our employer partnership team, apprenticeship tutors and assessment staff are experts, and we invest time and money in training and upskilling them regularly so their knowledge is up-to-date and industry standard.

At The Sheffield College we go above and beyond; we know that every business is different and we help to develop apprentices who will meet the needs of your business.

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