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FACT SHEETS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE
THE RIGHT CAREER AND STUDY PATH



Building and Construction

Builder's Labourer, Carpenter, Cabinet Maker, Bricklayer, Construction Worker, Building Contractor, Builder

Industry Description

Practitioners in this industry will be required to coordinate or carry out manual labouring jobs for the construction of residential or commercial buildings. Tasks could include interpreting plans, erecting and dismantling scaffolding, laying, carrying and stacking building materials and negotiating with building owners and subcontractors.

Below are some of the particularly demanding requirements. Reasonable Adjustment may apply for individuals with specific support needs in industry training. The learner should have:

- the ability to handle and control objects and tools (manual dexterity)
- the ability to listen to information presented with full attention (active listening)
- the ability to speak with others asking questions and providing recommendations
- the ability to understand and follow precise oral directions
- the ability to perceive depth and distance
- the ability to perform basic mathematical functions
- the ability to see details at close range (near vision)
- the ability to read written materials such as plans and specifications
- tolerance for heights (including working on scaffolds)
- tolerance for heavy lifting, reaching, twisting, bending and standing
- tolerance for working in noisy and dusty environments.

Below are some of the important personal abilities that are required. The learner should have:

- physical fitness and good health
- the ability to work at a constant pace
- good hand-eye coordination

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- good communication and organisational skills
- management and leadership skills
- the ability to work as part of a team.

Workplace Health and Safety

All practitioners must understand their workplace health and safety obligations and safety requirements under the:

- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* which imposes obligations on people at workplaces to ensure workplace health and safety.
- *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011* that describes what must be done to prevent or control certain hazards which cause injury, illness or death.
- *Codes of Practice*, which are designed to give practical advice about ways to manage exposure to risks common to industry.

All practitioners must be able to participate in Risk Assessments, Incident Reports and Hazard Identification.

All practitioners working in the construction industry must undergo safety induction training and be issued with a Construction Induction Card (CIC) (White Card).

Legislative or licensing issues

All practitioners must meet the qualification requirements set by industry standards.

An apprenticeship is usually required for construction trades.

Building Contractors must be registered with the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) and hold a licence in order to carry out work valued at over \$3300.

Resources and further information

For more information on duties, tasks and career and labour market information relating to Building and Construction, please refer to <http://joboutlook.gov.au>.

Industry information/professional associations

Australian Institute of Building: www.aib.org.au

Construction Skills Queensland: www.csq.org.au

Master Builders Queensland: www.masterbuilders.asn.au

Workplace Health and Safety, Electrical Safety Officer, Workers' Compensation Regulator: www.worksafe.qld.gov.au

Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council: www.cpsisc.com.au

Housing Industry Association: www.hia.com.au

Careers in Manufacturing: www.zoomplus.aigroup.asn.au



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The Furnishing Industry Association of Australia: www.fiaa.com.au

The Furnishing Industry Association of Australia (QLD): www.fiaaql.com.au

Manufacturing Skills Australia: www.mskills.com.au

Cabinet Makers and Designers Association: www.cmda.org.au

Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation: www.becomeabricklayer.com.au

Queensland Building and Construction Commission: www.qbcc.qld.gov.au

For career resources to help explore and plan careers, visit www.myfuture.edu.au.

*This is intended to be used as a tool for career research, in conjunction with other resources. For specific course information, please refer to the TAFE Queensland website www.tafeqld.edu.au or ring **1300 308 233**.*



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