

National Apprenticeship - Occupational Profile

Craft Occupation Painting and Decorating

Industry Served Construction

Profile of Craft The work of a Painter and Decorator is concerned with: The renovation and restoration of period buildings, the decoration and preservation of new and existing structures, the decoration of public buildings and private dwellings, signwork, the application of wallhangings, the production of imitative and decorative arts, the application of decorative and industrial coatings including spray painting, the ability to advise on colour selection, film, TV, theatre and display painting. The repainting of hospitals, kitchens, breweries, bakeries, food processing plants, to comply with Government regulations. Craftspersons are generally employed by a main Painting and Decorating contractor, a Building Contractor or are in a Maintenance capacity in undertakings such as factories, hospitals, chemical plants, councils and local authorities. The bulk of Painting and Decorating work takes place in the area of redecoration. At the end of the apprenticeship, the craftsperson will be able to demonstrate competence in the following skills:

Core Skills

- Surface preparation
 - Priming and sealing
 - Mixing and applying undercoating and finishes
 - Mixing and applying ground colours
 - Applying clear finishes, dyes, stains and glazes
 - Wallcovering
 - Glazing and reglazing
 - Elementary signwriting and stencilling
 - Stripping
 - Reading drawings and specifications
 - Brush graining
 - Rag rolling
 - Texture work
 - Storage and use of tools and materials
 - Housekeeping and appearance
 - Basic power tools
 - Ladders, planks and scaffolding
 - Measurements
 - Application of emulsions
 - Specific safety
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Specialist Skills

- Mixing and applying water scumbles
- Graining
- Marbling
- Texture work
- Signwriting and automated lettering systems
- Stencilling
- Broken colour
- Spray painting
- Silk screen
- Gilding

Common Skills

- Reading drawings and specifications
- Measuring and estimating
- Plumbing and levelling
- Using ladders, planks and scaffolding
- Safety regulations
- Costing materials

Personal Skills

- Using initiative
- Co-operating with others on the job
- Problem solving
- Planning and organising
- Working alone
- Customer relations

NOTE: Integrated curriculum includes maths, science, theory
