

Plasterer - Solid



Alternate title Cement Plasterer; Cement Renderer

Description Solid plasterers apply decorative and protective coverings of plaster, cement or similar materials to the interiors and exteriors of buildings.

Solid plasterers work alone or in teams of two or three, indoors and outdoors.

- Typical duties**
- level and straighten corners, angles, and wall and ceiling surfaces;
 - clean and prepare surfaces by stapling wire-mesh frames to them, or by roughening them with mechanical hammers;
 - mix and apply coats of plaster, cement, render or similar materials to walls and ceilings, levelling and smoothing them by using trowels to obtain an even thickness;
 - apply finishing coats of plaster to give a smooth finish or decorative texture;
 - fix precast cornices and panel mouldings, ceiling centres and other plaster fittings;
 - render exterior walls and moulds;
 - finish underside of concrete floors with a mixture of cement and granite chips or blue metal;
 - erect scaffolding (subject to licence requirements in some states or territories) and trestles.

- Personal requirements**
- enjoy practical work;
 - good hand-eye coordination;
 - able to learn to work from plans;
 - willing to work at heights on scaffolding or ladders;
 - good health and stamina, and free from allergies to materials used.

Qualification Certificate III in Solid Plastering

Entry pathway Entry to this occupation is by way of an apprenticeship.

Pre-apprenticeship courses are available in some States. No formal education requirements are needed to gain entry into these courses though preference is given to applicants sponsored by employers. These courses may be used to gain credit for apprenticeship courses.



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Job prospects Most solid plasterers work for firms which sub-contract plastering work within the building industry. They may also be employed by large building companies, State government departments and some local government bodies and some are self-employed. Employment opportunities depend on the level of activity in the building industry. Restoration of older houses and public buildings may create sustainable demand for plasterers.

The vacancy level for Solid Plasterers is moderate. Vacancies arising from job changing (Solid Plasterers changing employers) are expected to provide 14 per cent of vacancies, compared with 75 per cent from job openings (Solid Plasterers leaving the occupation) and 11 per cent from new jobs.

Related Jobs

- Painter and Decorator
- Plasterer – Fibrous
- Tiler – Wall and Floor

Further information

- Big Plans [www.bigplans.com.au/]
- Be Constructive [www.beconstructive.com.au/]
- Group Training Australia [www.gtald.com.au/]