

Scaffolder



Description Scaffolders erect and dismantle scaffolding to provide work platforms and handrails on building or industrial sites, or for temporary structures such as stages, seating and catwalks.

Scaffolders mostly work outdoors at a variety of locations and in all weather conditions except rain.

- Typical duties**
- check requirements from drawings and written instructions, select materials and set ground levels;
 - fit together steel pipes, support braces and clamps to form bases for scaffolds;
 - lift and position sections of scaffolding and bolt pipes together to build up scaffolding;
 - place planks over horizontal bars to create platforms;
 - check levels in scaffolding structures;
 - use prefabricated scaffolding when available;
 - dismantle scaffolding at the completion of a job.

- Personal requirements**
- enjoy practical and manual activities;
 - physically fit;
 - able to work at heights;
 - a sense of balance;
 - able to use hand tools;
 - able to work as part of a team;
 - at least 18 years of age.

Qualification Certificate III in Scaffolding
[A scaffolding licence is required to work unsupervised.]

Certificates of Attainment are also available in some States for Basic Scaffolding, Intermediate Scaffolding, and Advanced Scaffolding.

Entry pathway There are no minimum education requirements for entry into the Basic Scaffolding Certificate course, however, you must successfully complete each level before moving on to the next stage.



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Job prospects Scaffolders may be employed directly by building and construction companies or by sub-contractors. The demand for scaffolders is dependent on the level of activity in the building industry. Work is also generated from other areas requiring scaffold erection such as entertainment, some types of building maintenance and cleaning work.

The vacancy level for Scaffolders is high. Vacancies arising from job changing (Scaffolders changing employers) are expected to provide 22 per cent of vacancies, compared with 72 per cent from job openings (Scaffolders leaving the occupation) and 6 per cent from new jobs.

Specialisation With sufficient industry experience, and the appropriate certificate of competency, scaffolders may become riggers.

Related Jobs

- Dogger
- Rigger

Further information

- Big Plans [www.bigplans.com.au/]
- Be Constructive [www.beconstructive.com.au/]