

Stone Mason



Alternate title Lettercutter; Stone Fixer; Stonemason - Machinist

Description Stonemasons cut and shape hard and soft stone blocks and masonry slabs for the construction and renovation of stone structures and monumental masonry (stonework for cemeteries).

In some States, stonemasonry is divided into various occupations, the major ones being stonemason machinist (stone sawyer and polisher) and lettercutter and stone fixer. Stonemasons often work in a noisy environment.

Typical duties

- cut and shape the stone using machine or hand tools, taking into account the characteristics of the stone being used;
- cut and polish granite and marble for use in construction, such as for kitchen bench tops and bathroom vanity units;
- design, cut and carve monumental masonry, such as memorial tablets and bases for statues, using templates for detailed work and a variety of chisels, punches and hammers, depending on the type of stone being used;
- cut lettering into stonework by marking out the letters and then cut or chisel them with hand-held tools or sandblasting equipment;
- construct walls using stone slabs and large masonry slab blocks
- lay stone paving;
- lay granite or marble floor tiles;
- fix stone facades to buildings;
- repair and replace stonework on old buildings, churches and monuments.

Personal requirements

- enjoy practical work;
- physically fit;
- able to work at heights;
- able to work with your hands;
- aptitude for technical drawing and working with computers is an advantage.

Qualification Certificate III in Stonemasonry (Monumental/Installation)



- Entry pathway** To become a stonemason you usually have to complete an apprenticeship in Stonemasonry (Monumental/Installation). Entry requirements may vary but employers usually require Year 10. Ask your career adviser about the possibility of starting some of this training in school.
- Job prospects** Stonemasons are employed by construction companies to work on stone structures and by monument fabricators to make monuments and carve lettering. Some are self-employed.
- This is a small, specialised trade. Most stonemasons work in the renovation and maintenance of old buildings or in monumental masonry.
- Specialisation** Monumental Stonemason
- Related Jobs** Bricklayer
- Further information**
- Be Constructive [www.beconstructive.com.au/]
 - Group Training Australia [www.gtald.com.au/]

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