

Careers Newsletter

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Construction Special

Careers in Construction

Did you know that there are over 170 different job roles available in the construction industry?

In the Solent region there are 8275 construction related businesses and over 60,000 construction jobs. With new housing developments springing up all around Eastleigh Winchester and Southampton, this really is a good industry to be looking into.

In particular, firms are looking for bricklayers, steel erectors, air conditioning engineers, scaffolders, surveyors and civil engineers.

From architects to window fitters, from accountants to wind turbine engineers - to find out more about the different job roles available and how to get into the industry, click on the link below

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CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

SOLENT EMPLOYERS

- Aspire Building & Construction Limited
- Balfour Beatty
- Bascombe Carpentry & Construction
- Blanchard Wells
- Bouygues Construction
- Brymor Group
- B.S. Steels
- CEC Plastering
- Cosham Plant
- Hillside Electrical Southern
- Kier
- Mackoy Groundworks & Civil Engineering
- Marinus Construction
- Mountjoy
- PMC Construction
- PT Contractors
- Pure Construction
- RB Electrical
- SK Services (Southern)
- Solent Gas Heating & Plumbing
- Studio Four Architects
- Vale Southern Construction
- Vear Group
- 1stChoice Scaffolding

DID YOU KNOW? IN THE SOLENT:

- 8,275 CONSTRUCTION businesses
- 63,200 CONSTRUCTION JOBS
- 69,000 = 18% of the South East's current construction employees are in the Solent
- ESTIMATED 2,640 NEW WORKERS will need to be recruited each year across a range of managerial, professional, technical and skilled trade occupations
- More than 1,700 registered businesses

EARNING POTENTIAL: Salaries vary depending on qualifications, experience & role

- £90K+ Project Director
- £60K+ Civil engineer
- £50K+ Architect
- £32 - 45K Quantity surveyor
- £28 - 66K Civil engineer
- £20 - 50K Finance & Accounting
- £15- 90K Sales & Marketing
- £10 - 30K Bricklayer, carpenter or joiner

IN THE UK

- 1 million construction businesses in the UK
- 37% are self-employed
- 2023 = construction workforce set to increase to nearly 429,500
- £1 INVESTED = £2.84 return to the economy
- 2.6M PEOPLE IN THE UK
- 7% contribution to the UK economy

SKILLS IMPORTANT IN THIS SECTOR: Leadership, resilience, creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurial thinking, communication, good work ethic, active listening

Explore your career options

- Electrical Contractors' Association eca.co.uk
- Choose Landscape chooselandscape.org
- Go Construct goconstruct.org
- Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) ciht.org.uk
- Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) citb.co.uk
- My Oil and Gas Career myoilandgascareer.com
- Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering ciphe.org.uk
- Finishes & Interiors Sector www.thefis.org
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) rics.org

Routes into construction

There are many different ways to get into construction - whether you want to learn on the job or go to college first - here are some of your options:

Apprenticeships

Earn a wage while you learn, you can start straight from school and you will spend some time in college and some with the employer.

College Courses

Study Vocational courses or A Levels in college full time. You will learn all the theory and technical skills and gain a qualification to help you to get into the industry

T Levels

A relatively new qualification, courses last 2 years and include a minimum of 45 days spent on industry placements, there are around 25 different T level courses available

University

A Full time degree takes 3-4 years to complete, the focus is on academic study, but many construction based degrees include a year out in industry

Local College Courses



Construction and Built environment

Construction (General)

Carpentry and Joinery

Electrical Installation

Gas

Plumbing and Heating

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration



Construction, Professional and Building services

Engineering and Electrical

Plumbing and Heating

Construction crafts (brickwork etc)