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Career Profile: Solid Plasterer



Solid Plastering is a finishing trade which involves preparing surfaces and applying various mortar and plaster finishes to interior and exterior walls. The Plasterer's finished work inside and outside a building is what people see every day.

The majority of plastering work comes from new construction projects, however recently there has been increasing interest in the heritage restoration of older homes and public buildings which provides further opportunities for skilled plasterers.

Decorative cement mouldings for restoration and renovation designs requires attention to detail and creativity in their craft.

Qualification

Certificate III in Solid Plastering

Sector

Residential / Commercial

What might a working day look like?

Each day can be different depending on the job, and you may be involved in:

- Working in a team or independently
- Vertical and horizontal levelling and straightening of walls and ceiling surfaces
- Mixing and applying coats of plaster, cement mortars and new products such as Texture coats, Metal effects and Venetian decorative plasters to internal and external wall surfaces.
- Smoothing surfaces using trowels to obtain an even flat finish.
- Fixing precast cornices and panel mouldings, ceiling mouldings and other plaster fixtures.
- Working at height which includes erecting scaffolding and trestles

Working Hours

- Full-time hours per week

Working Conditions

- Working indoors and outdoors in most weather conditions.

Skills and personal qualities

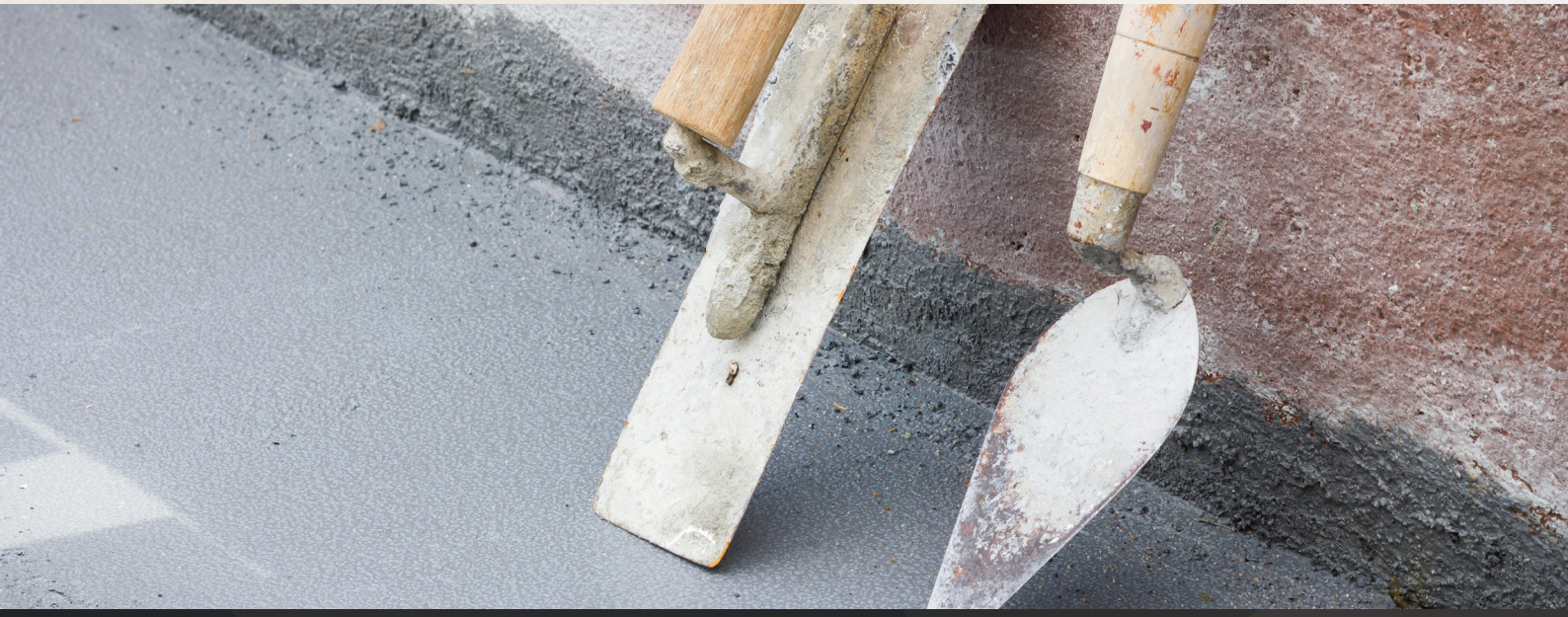
- Problem solving skills.
- Enjoy practical work
- Working at heights
- Work as a team or independently
- Have a high level of physical fitness
- Time management and ability to plan and organise tasks.
- Reading and writing skills

How to get started

Entry to this occupation is by completing a Certificate III in Solid Plastering apprenticeship.

Future Pathways and opportunities

- Sub-contractor
- Business owner / Employer
- Building supervisor
- Project Manager
- Estimator
- Trainer and assessor



Next Steps

Further information can be found at:

- Jobs and Skills WA – **www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au**
- Australian Apprenticeship Pathways – **www.aapathways.com.au**
- Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Providers – **www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au**
- Job Outlook – **www.joboutlook.gov.au**

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