



JOB of the Week



Job name: Roofer

Job description: Roofers re-slate and tile roofs, fit skylight windows and replace lead sheeting and cladding on roofs of all types of building.

Tasks you will undertake in the job: As a Roofer, you'll:

- remove or repair broken tiles or slates - stripping
- check the condition of roof timbers
- measure the roof area to work out how much material is needed
- fit insulation
- cut and fit roofing felt
- cover roofs with slates, tiles, sheets or cladding
- apply waterproof membranes to flat roofs
- fit plastic or lead 'flashings' around chimneys, windows and walls
- seal roof joints with mortar

Career progression:

As you build experience (and qualifications depending on the company you are employed by) you could become a roofing surveyor, estimating costs, dealing with contracts and working with architects. You could also be a site manager, move into equipment sales or work as a steeplejack.

With a lot of experience, you could train apprentices, set up your own business or specialise in heritage conservation work; this might include learning and developing skills of replacing and repairing thatch.



Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Sectors in which Roofers would normally work:

You could work in any sector, depending on need e.g. leisure centre; factory; warehouse; houses or schools. You could work on a construction site, at a client's business or at a client's home. Your working environment may be at height, dirty and outdoors in all weathers. You may need to wear safety clothing and use safety equipment.

Salary: Roofers are typically paid a starting wage of £28 600, this increases with experience, skilled or specialist Roofers can expect to earn approximately £35 000 per year.



Working hours: Working hours are usually around 42-44 hours per week. It is likely that you will work during some evenings and weekends (sometimes away from home)

Qualifications to become a Roofer:

You can get into this job through: a college course or an apprenticeship:

College

You can take a college course which will teach you some of the skills you'll need to get a trainee position with a roofing company. Courses include: Level 2 Diploma in Roofing Occupations; Level 2 Diploma in Roof Slating and Tiling and T level for Roofers. Entry requirements: 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course or 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths for a T level

Apprenticeship

You can get into this job through a roofer intermediate apprenticeship. This can take up to 2 years to complete. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time with a college or training provider. Entry requirements: GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship

Essential skills you need to show: To succeed as a Roofer, the following personal skills and attributes would give you an advantage:

- knowledge of building and construction
- the ability to work well with your hands
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to work well with others
- knowledge of maths
- physical fitness and endurance
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to operate and control equipment
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

This job in the future: The workforce is projected to decline by -2%, losing 900 jobs; in the same period, 50.4% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 22 500 job opportunities.

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