



TRAINEE ESTIMATOR

A trainee estimator works alongside experienced employees to learn how to do the job.

AS A TRAINEE ESTIMATOR YOU WOULD LEARN HOW TO:

oversee projects to ensure costs remain in line with forecasts

compile bids for work

calculate the cost of materials, transport, labour and equipment hire

obtain quotes for all predicted requirements from sub-contractors and suppliers

clarify the client's needs and expectations

read blueprints and take measurements

make use of relevant computer software such as Excel, Word and Autodesk DWG TrueView

assess and adhere to all risk assessments and health and safety requirements

make visits to proposed construction sites

liaise with others including construction managers, planners and design teams

prepare and submit quotations for work.

EDUCATION NEEDED

The entry requirements for the trainee estimator may vary, depending on what the employer requirements are.

Having GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (or equivalent) in science, technology, IT, English and Maths are useful for this career route.

There are several routes you could take to help you pursue this career.

Ways to get the job

Employers advertise trainee estimator jobs as entry level opportunities.

As an estimating apprentice, you will be fully employed by your company and complete the apprenticeship training at the same time. Your time will be split between on-the-job experience and learning, to achieve the project controls technician advanced apprenticeship or the construction quantity surveyor degree apprenticeship. You will complete on- and off-the-job training with both your employer and the apprenticeship training provider.

To get a graduate estimator level job, it would be helpful to of completed a Higher National Diploma (HND) or an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject, such as construction management, engineering or quantity surveying. You will receive on-the-job training in estimating from your employer and complete short technical training courses too.

WORK EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Trainee jobs are designed for those with little to no direct work experience in the roofing sector but have the willingness and dedication to learn.

Employers will always value any work experience that you have gained previously as it builds on your employability skills. This includes part-time work, volunteering and involvement in extracurricular activities.

SKILLS NEEDED

- Effective communicator
- Organised and methodical
- A team player
- Analytical and good at problem solving
- Keen to learn
- Able to work under pressure and to tight deadlines

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