



TRAINEE ROOFING OPERATIVE

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

As a trainee roofing operative, you may specialise within a certain area, such as sheeting and cladding, or tiling. You could specialise in heritage projects, or work as a hard metal and cladding roofer.

DEPENDING ON YOUR AREA OF SPECIALISM, AS A TRAINEE ROOFING OPERATIVE YOU COULD BE:

Estimating the type and amount of materials needed for the job

Using technical drawings and specifications

Fitting materials to ensure the roof is fully weatherproof

Working to building regulations

Working safely at heights

Installing skylights

Working on historic or culturally significant buildings

Creating decorative lead or metal items in keeping with the structure

Trainee roofing operatives can be on site from a few hours to a few weeks so this occupation should suit those who like to move workplaces on a regular basis. The work is varied and would suit individuals who prefer working outside.

EDUCATION NEEDED

GCSEs

The entry requirements for the trainee roofing operative may vary, depending on what the employer requirements are, however ideally you will have achieved a GCSE Grade E to D (2 to 3) or above.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

It will also help you get a trainee job in roofing if you have already achieved some further education qualifications that are relevant to the job. This could include construction, engineering or other 'hands-on' subjects.

As a trainee, you will be enrolled onto a Level 2 Diploma in Roofing Occupations qualification. These are commonly known as VQs (Vocational Qualifications).

WORK EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Trainee jobs are designed for those with little to no direct work experience in the roofing sector.

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

- Be flexible and open to change
- Ability to work well with others
- Keen and willing to learn
- Good attention to detail
- A good level of fitness and ability to at height
- Knowledge of buidling and construction

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