



# Careers in Bricklaying

*Your guide to training, jobs and opportunities in bricklaying*

Liverpool & Merseyside | Level 1 to Level 3 | Apprenticeships available



## Why Choose a Career in Bricklaying?

- Hands-on practical work — build properties from the ground up
- Immediate employment prospects — bricklayers are in high demand across the UK
- Good earning potential — starting salary competitive with flexible progression
- Varied work environment — residential, commercial, heritage projects
- Self-employment opportunities — many bricklayers become self-employed or start their own businesses
- Entry routes for all — Level 1 courses need no prior qualifications



## Skills and Personal Qualities

- Attention to detail — straight lines, level brickwork, precise measurements
- Physical strength and stamina — lifting, carrying materials, working at height
- Good hand-eye coordination — laying bricks accurately
- Problem-solving — adapting to different building layouts and specifications
- Health and safety awareness — working safely with tools and on-site hazards
- Teamwork and reliability — working with other trades, meeting project deadlines



## Useful School Subjects

- Maths — measuring, calculating, understanding plans and angles
- Design & Technology — understanding building principles and structures
- Science — understanding materials, mortar chemistry, weather resistance
- PE & Health — physical fitness for a demanding trade



## Local Courses (Levels 1 to 3)

Courses are available at local colleges across Merseyside. Many courses accept students without GCSEs.

### Bricklaying Courses (Levels 1 to 3)

- City of Liverpool College — Bricklaying L1 Certificate, Brickwork L2 Diploma | L2 Apprenticeship
- Hugh Baird College — Bricklaying L1 | Bricklaying L2
- St Helens College — Bricklaying L1, L2, L3 Advanced Technical Diploma
- Knowsley Community College — Bricklaying L1 (IAMTech Campus)
- Riverside College, Widnes — Brickwork L1 Diploma, L2 Diploma

### SEND-Friendly & Supported Provision

- Supported study options may be available — speak to your careers adviser about what could work for you

## Apprenticeships and Training

- Bricklaying Apprenticeship — Level 2 (18 months+)
- Bricklaying Professional Apprenticeship — Level 3
- Many local construction companies offer paid apprenticeships
- Search live vacancies: [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)
- Supported Internships (for students with an EHCP) are run by local colleges with their selected employer partners — ask your careers adviser whether this route could suit you

## Jobs, Volunteering and Work Experience

Bricklaying offers a clear path from trainee to qualified tradesperson to running your own business.

Role	Where You Work	Starting Qualification
Trainee Bricklayer	Training providers, building sites	Level 1-2 or apprenticeship
Qualified Bricklayer	Construction firms, housebuilders	Level 2 NVQ Bricklaying
Bricklayer Supervisor	Larger construction projects	Level 3 + experience
Self-Employed Bricklayer / Own Business	Own client base	Level 2-3 + experience

**Trainees start around £18,000–£22,000. Qualified bricklayers earn £25,000–£35,000, supervisors £30,000–£40,000, and experienced self-employed bricklayers £40,000–£60,000+.**

### Work Experience & Volunteering

- Visit college open days to see the workshops and facilities
- Ask your school or adviser about site work experience placements
- Contact local employers about work experience

## Next Steps and Contact Information

- Visit college open days and websites
- Search for local jobs: [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk) | [www.notjustjobs.com](http://www.notjustjobs.com)
- Find apprenticeships: [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

<b>TAGS Careers</b>	<a href="http://www.tags.careers">www.tags.careers</a> — local careers information and resources
<b>Colleges</b>	City of Liverpool: <a href="http://www.liv-coll.ac.uk">www.liv-coll.ac.uk</a>   Hugh Baird: <a href="http://www.hughbaird.ac.uk">www.hughbaird.ac.uk</a>   St Helens: <a href="http://www.sthelens.ac.uk">www.sthelens.ac.uk</a>   Knowsley: <a href="http://www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk">www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk</a>   Riverside: <a href="http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk">www.riversidecollege.ac.uk</a>
<b>More Support</b>	Your careers adviser can provide additional guidance tailored to your needs
<b>Apprenticeships</b>	<a href="http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk">www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk</a>   <a href="http://www.indeed.co.uk">www.indeed.co.uk</a>   <a href="http://www.notjustjobs.com">www.notjustjobs.com</a>