


Apprenticeship standard (England only)

Bricklayer

Industry: Construction

City & Guilds code: 9077

 **Typical duration:** 30 months

 **Maximum funding:** £9,000

 **Level 2**

*Funding information accurate as of July 2019.
For the most up-to-date information, check the [Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education \(IfATE\) website](#).

About the role

Bricklaying is a core function within the construction sector, particularly the house building sector.

Bricklayers lay bricks, blocks and other types of building components in mortar to construct and repair walls, foundations, partitions, arches and other structures, e.g. chimney stacks. They might also refurbish brickwork and masonry on restoration projects.

The range of sites and projects that bricklayers will work on include large commercial developments, new builds in housing, alterations, extensions and restorations.

A bricklayer may work one-on-one or on larger jobs where their bricklaying group (gang) may work on a particular section of a building alongside other bricklaying gangs as well as other trades.

On completion of this apprenticeship standard, candidates will be able to carry out all the activities undertaken by a bricklayer, carrying out a range of tasks relating to the trade. They will also work safely and develop their communication skills with others that they can use when working in the trade.

On-programme: what apprentices need to learn

Apprentices need to complete 20% off-the-job training during the on-programme phase of their apprenticeship. Specific rules govern this and it must take place in the apprentice's contracted hours.

Formative assessment of knowledge, skills and behaviours required in the delivery of the Level 2 Bricklayer apprenticeship are broken down into the following modules.

Knowledge

- Customer Service
- Communication
- Buildings
- Energy efficiency
- Materials
- Alternative construction techniques
- Feature and reinforce brickwork
- Fireplace and chimney

Behaviours

- Positive and mature attitude
- Quality focused
- Self-motivated learner
- Effective communicator

Skills

- Preparation of material
- Safe working
- Working areamasonry structures
- Radial and battered brickwork
- Feature and reinforced brickwork
- Other brickwork
- Building Technology

Mandatory Training Specification

This document provides the details of the skills and knowledge that an apprentice completing the Level 2 Bricklayer Trailblazer Apprenticeship must attain and demonstrate prior to attempting the end-point assessment. The on-programme learning for this apprenticeship will take between 24-30 months.



Non Mandatory qualification

6570-04 Level 2 NVQ Diploma In Trowel Occupations and 6570-05 Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Trowel Occupations

Or

6705-23 Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying

6705-33 Level 3 Diploma in Bricklaying

7905-20 Level 2 Technical Certificate in Bricklaying

7905-30 Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Bricklaying

Refer to the [IfATE website](#) for further detail on the standard and assessment plan.

City & Guilds has developed teaching and learning materials to support employers and learning providers to deliver on and off-the-job learning for this standard. For more information, [visit our webpage for Bricklayer](#).

Gateway requirements

Before you can book end-point assessment, the provider and employer sign off that the apprentice will be ready for EPA.

For this standard, the employer and provider will need to sign a declaration to agree the apprentice shows evidence of the relevant operational delivery officer knowledge, skills and behaviours as set out in the standard.

To move on to EPA, the apprentice must pass both mandatory qualifications and show evidence to their line manager of the relevant skill and behaviours as set out in the standard. They must also achieve maths and English Level 2 (or equivalent) if not already achieved.

As part of our EPA service, City & Guilds will check all gateway evidence before the EPA event so you can have the confidence that the apprentice is ready for EPA.

End-point assessment (EPA): how apprentices demonstrate their learning

EPA is the final stage that an apprentice goes through to complete their apprenticeship. The apprentice must demonstrate their learning to an independent end-point assessor and the overall grade available is distinction, pass or fail. Assessment events are:



Knowledge test

The knowledge test will consist of 40 multiple-choice questions. The questions assess the apprentice through scenarios that resemble real-life situations, such as problem solving, formulate, and making a judgement. Plus assessing thinking skills such as analysis, evaluation and synthesis.

Duration: 1 hour



Skills test

The skills test is assessed via observation. All skills tests will feature the following elements: interpreting information; annotation of diagrams; planning and organising work (including materials and other resources); setting out/marking out as appropriate; tool skills (including hand and powered tools); producing work to specification in accordance with building requirements; working to deadlines; and working safely.

Duration: 12 hours



Oral questioning

The oral questioning consists of 12 questions that confirm knowledge and behaviours shown in the skills test, as well as skills that were not included in the practice test, plus generic questions.

Duration: 35 minutes



City & Guilds will allocate a skilled and experienced professional to assess the apprentice objectively against the standard. All assessments are standardised and quality assured.

To help you prepare apprentices and ensure they feel ready for assessment, we have created a suite of preparation resources, including:

- **End-point assessment pack:** Details behind the standard and assessment plan, guidance on EPA tasks and grading, procedures for re-sits, timelines, venue and resource requirements for EPA. It is important that you are familiar with this information.
- **EPA preparation tool:** Personalised login for each apprentice with useful learning resources relevant to the assessment skills required for their standard, ensuring they feel ready for their EPA experience.

- **Recording forms:** Supporting you to complete key stages of EPA readiness, we have prepared forms to give you peace of mind and confidence that everything is covered.

- **LIEPA report:** A report produced by our lead independent end-point assessor (LIEPA) with insight into the EPA results for this standard and findings across all centres. These reports can help you refine your delivery to improve success rates.

- Our dedicated **EPA customer success team** will be on-hand to support you through your EPA journey and can be contacted at epasupport@cityandguilds.com.

Apprenticeship certification

As well as receiving their Institute for Apprenticeships & technical Education (IfATE) apprenticeship certificate, the apprentice will receive a City & Guilds statement of achievement for end-point assessment.

Why choose City & Guilds?

Personal support: Our dedicated EPA customer success team, Technical Advisors, Business Managers and Customer Service teams are on hand to help you throughout your apprenticeship journey.

Teaching tools and resources: All of our resources are mapped comprehensively to the standard and designed to draw out the skills, knowledge and behaviour apprentices need so they are confident for assessment and you know that everything is covered.

EPA support resources: Our specially created EPA resources will help you to prepare apprentices and ensure a smooth booking process.

EPA delivery: We are growing our EPA service, using new technologies to enhance the delivery and management of EPA.

Pricing that works for you: When you choose us for EPA, you pay a small registration fee and the balance once the EPA has taken place and results submitted.

Events and webinars: We deliver a range of events and webinars run by industry specialists to advise and guide you.

Progression: The journey never stops and we're committed to helping learners progress into a job, develop on the job and move into the next job. Visit our website [cityandguilds.com](https://www.cityandguilds.com) for our wider offering in this sector and information about leadership and management apprenticeships.



More information

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If you're a new customer, contact apprenticeships@cityandguilds.com to find out more.

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