

Construction Trades Helpers and Labourers

Description

Construction trades helpers and labourers assist skilled tradespersons and perform labouring activities at construction sites, in quarries and in surface mines. They are employed by construction companies, trade and labour contractors, and surface mine and quarry operators.

Duties:

- Load and unload construction materials, and move materials to work areas
- Erect and dismantle concrete forms, scaffolding, ramps, catwalks, shoring and barricades required at construction sites
- Mix, pour and spread materials such as concrete and asphalt
- Assist tradespersons such as carpenters, bricklayers, cement finishers, roofers and glaziers in construction activities
- Assist heavy equipment operators to secure special attachments to equipment, signal operators to guide them in moving equipment and provide assistance in other activities
- Assist in aligning pipes and perform related activities during oil and gas pipeline construction
- Assist in drilling and blasting rock at construction sites
- Assist miners in excavating and operating various drills and other surface mining machinery
- Level earth to fine grade specifications using rake and shovel
- Assist in demolishing buildings using prying bars and other tools, and sort, clean and pile salvaged materials
- Remove rubble and other debris at construction sites using rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows and other equipment
- Operate pneumatic hammers, vibrators and tampers as directed
- Tend machines or equipment used in construction such as mixers, compressors and pumps
- Clean up chemical spills and other contaminants, remove asbestos and other hazardous materials
- Oil and grease hoists and similar equipment
- Direct traffic at or near construction sites and perform other activities as directed.

Other titles:

- Plumber Helper
- Concrete Paving Labourer
- Glazier Helper
- Construction Labourer
- Bricklayer Helper
- Roofer Helper
- Carpenter Helper
- Drywall Sander
- Excavation Labourer

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills

Active Listening	Critical Thinking	Judgment and Decision Making	Building and Construction	Attention to Detail	Cooperation
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Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Secondary school education is not required

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- Post-secondary education is not required

Certification

- Some experience as a general construction labourer may be required for construction trade helper
- Some pipeline workers, such as stabbers, mandrel operators and pre-heater tenders, usually require one season of experience in oil and gas pipeline construction
- Flagmen/Women may require a traffic control certificate

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed in this unit group are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POR)	Average Wages and Salaries (POR)	Median Wages and Salaries (POW)	Average Wages and Salaries (POW)
\$24,176	\$29,475	\$37,209	\$37,353

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
2361 – Residential Building Construction	175	260
2362 – Non-Residential Building Construction	40	45
2381 – Foundation, Structure and Building Exterior Contractors	55	50

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(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Sector Report)