

BRICKLAYER



ABOUT THIS CAREER

Bricklayers work with masonry materials such as brick, concrete block, stone, structural tile and pre-cast panels to construct and repair structures like walls, partitions, patios, arches, fireplaces, chimneys and other elements. They often work on commercial, industrial and residential buildings.



"I always wanted a career where I could use my creativity and strength every day."

~6,500
by 2032*

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS RETIREMENTS BY 2034

**BuildForce Canada*



You like working
outdoors and with
your hands.



You have good
physical strength.



You have used
precision tools
& equipment.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepare and lay bricks, concrete blocks, structural tiles or other masonry units
- Read sketches and blueprints to calculate materials required
- Cut and trim bricks and concrete blocks to specification using hand and power tools
- Build patios, garden walls and other decorative installations
- Lay or install firebricks to line industrial chimneys and smokestacks
- Line or reline furnaces, kilns, boilers and similar installations

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a good eye for recognizing patterns, lines and proportions, this is a great asset for a Bricklayer. In this career, you can be self-employed or work for construction companies and bricklaying contractors.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Entering the Trade

Red Seal / Compulsory Certified

Is there a training pathway for this trade?: **Yes**

Number of Levels: **3**

Total Required Apprenticeship
Hours: **5,400**

Total Hours Required to
Challenge Exam as a Trade
Qualifier: **8,100**

HOURLY PAY \$37.39 – \$43.23/hr (based on 2023
collective agreement Journeyman hourly rate)

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

- Reading, communication, numeracy and problem-solving
- Ability to work with your hands
- Ability to work outdoors in various weather
- Physical fitness
- Ability to work with heavy materials
- Experience using precision tools & equipment

