

# Career Profile: Wall and Ceiling Liner



Wall and ceiling liners install suspended and decorative ceilings, often in big modern buildings such as shopping centres, office buildings, schools, hospitals and cinemas as well as new and renovated homes, project housing, luxury homes, apartments and units.

## Qualification

Certificate III in Wall and Ceiling Lining

## Sector

Residential / Commercial

## What might a working day look like? May perform tasks including:

- ▶ Mixing and applying coats of plaster or cement to walls and ceilings
- ▶ Making, applying and fixing the internal and external linings.
- ▶ Fitting suspended ceilings, decorative plasterboard and plaster glass partitions, fire rating systems, acoustic tiles and composite wall
- ▶ Measuring room dimensions and estimating the number and sizes of plasterboard (gyprock) sheets required
- ▶ Preparing corner beads and securing them in position as well as plumbing and straightening corners, angles, wall and ceiling surfaces
- ▶ Cutting plasterboard, lifting and positioning panels, and nailing or securing them with glue to walls and ceilings
- ▶ Setting and fixing precast ornamental plaster ceilings, cornices, panel mouldings and ceiling centres
- ▶ Levelling and smoothing surfaces using trowels to obtain an even thickness
- ▶ Heritage Work, restoring of old buildings

## Working Hours

- ▶ Full-time hours per week

## Conditions

- ▶ Working indoors and/or outdoors in most weather conditions
- ▶ Working at heights

## Skills and personal qualities

- ▶ Be able to understand technical drawings and plans
- ▶ Have a careful, methodical and accurate approach to work
- ▶ Work as a team or independently
- ▶ Enjoy practical work and have a reasonable level of physical fitness
- ▶ Time management, reading, writing skills and problem-solving skills
- ▶ More hands on than written
- ▶ Ok working at heights

## Future pathways and opportunities

- ▶ Business owner
- ▶ Sub-contractor
- ▶ Trainer and Assessor
- ▶ Supervisor
- ▶ Sales Representative
- ▶ Start your own business
- ▶ Site Supervisor or Foreman
- ▶ Estimator

## Why this trade

- ▶ Comfortably work indoors and never miss out on pay because of weather.
- ▶ Once you have finished your apprenticeship you can start your own business as a self-employed tradesman
- ▶ Variety in work makes your job interesting and creative
- ▶ It's a qualification you can take anywhere in Australia or the world
- ▶ In high demand there is plenty of work.
- ▶ Learning so many skills keeps it interesting and gives you more employment opportunities



## Next Steps

Further information can be found at:

- ▶ Jobs and Skills WA – [www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au)
- ▶ Australian Apprenticeship Pathways – [www.aapathways.com.au](http://www.aapathways.com.au)
- ▶ Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Providers – [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)
- ▶ Job Outlook – [www.joboutlook.gov.au](http://www.joboutlook.gov.au)