

Career Profile: Wall & Floor Tiler



Wall and floor tiling may sound straightforward, but it can be a very complex job when transforming walls and floors into creative masterpieces. Jobs range from renovations to new houses including domestic and commercial kitchens, bathrooms, balconies and facades to industrial premises such as Aquatic centers, swimming pools, water features, shops, hotels, factories and offices.

Qualification

Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling

Sector

Residential / Commercial

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

- ▶ Laying ceramic, rectified porcelain, clay, natural stone tiles on external and internal walls and floors and curved surfaces to provide protective and decorative finishes
- ▶ Levelling, smoothing and filling any holes and cracks in the surface to be tiled
- ▶ Cutting individual tiles to shape and to fit around obstacles and openings
- ▶ Grouting tile joints, leaving them smooth, clean and even
- ▶ Mixing, applying and spreading various adhesives types such as, cement based, flexible adhesives, mastics and even 2 part epoxy on certain projects.
- ▶ Mitring tiles on corners and angles.
- ▶ Maintenance work such as removing and replacing cracked or damaged tiles

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
- ▶ Can work at heights and in confined spaces
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Understand colour and design concepts

How to get started

To become a tradesperson you will need to complete a Certificate III Wall and Floor Tiling apprenticeship. You can get a head start on your career by completing a pre-apprenticeship to gain a Certificate II in Building and Construction (Pathway - Trades).

Future Pathways and opportunities

- ▶ Business owner
- ▶ Sub-contractor
- ▶ Trainer and Assessor
- ▶ Supervisor
- ▶ Builder



Next Steps

Further information can be found at:

- ▶ Jobs and Skills WA – www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au
- ▶ Australian Apprenticeship Pathways – www.aapathways.com.au
- ▶ Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Providers – www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au
- ▶ Job Outlook – www.joboutlook.gov.au