

Fibrous plasterers make, apply and fix the internal linings of commercial and domestic buildings they may perform tasks including:

- ◆ measuring room walls, working out plasterboard layout, and installing insulation and moisture barriers;
- ◆ cutting plasterboard, lifting and positioning panels and nailing, screwing or securing them with glue to walls and ceilings, or to wooden strips called battens;
- ◆ preparing corner beading panel mouldings, ceiling centres and other plaster fittings;
- ◆ spraying fibrous materials over surfaces to be covered and;
- ◆ making fibrous plaster sheets and moulds in factories.

Fibrous plasterers may specialise as fixers, installing fibrous plaster sheets and cornices in buildings; sheet hands, making fibrous plaster sheets; or mould hands, making plaster moulds. Fibrous plasterers work in dusty conditions. They may have contact with the public.

Personal Requirements

- ◆ able to work with your hands
- ◆ able to work at heights
- ◆ able to do neat, accurate work

Education and Training

Entry to this occupation is by way of an apprenticeship. There are pre-apprenticeship courses available.

- ◆ Pre-Apprenticeship in Fibrous Plastering
- ◆ Certificate II in Building and Construction – Fitout and Finish (Fibrous Plastering)
- ◆ Apprenticeship in Fibrous Plastering.