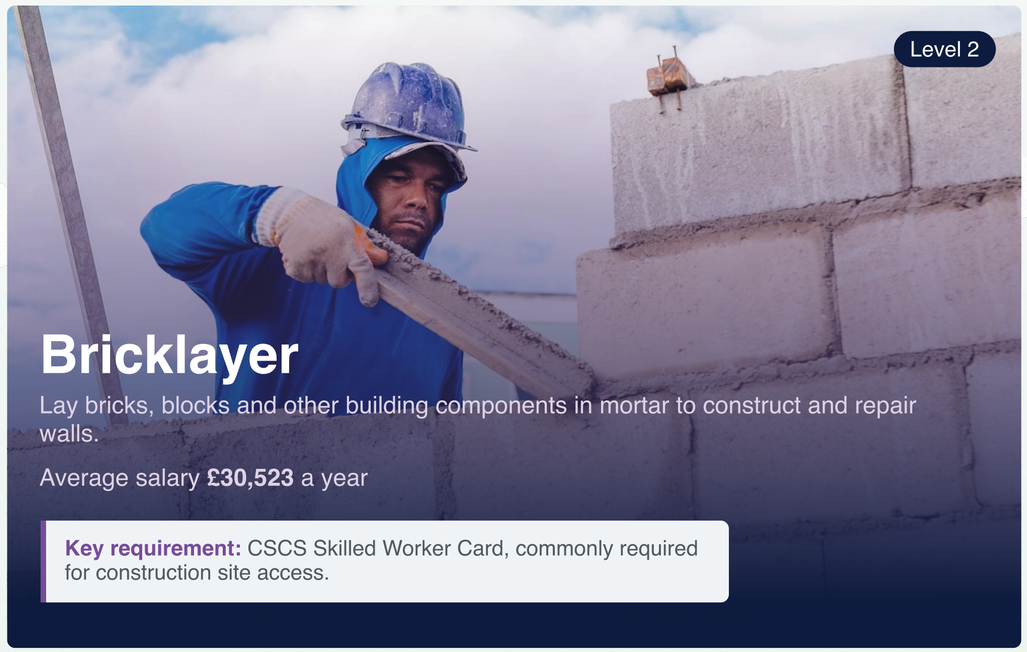
BECOMING A...

Bricklayer

Skills England

ROUTES TO A CAREER



Start here

Did you know? You can move between technical and academic pathways.

Technical route

Gain practical skills through vocational qualifications, apprenticeships and real-world experience.

Level 2

GCSEs / vocational GCSEs
May include English language, mathematics, design and technology, construction, engineering or science

Foundation apprenticeship
Onsite trades

Apprenticeship
Bricklayer

Diploma/certificate/NVQ
May include bricklaying, construction operations, building craft, property maintenance or construction

Academic route

Study classroom-based qualifications and progress to higher education.

Level 2

GCSEs / vocational GCSEs
May include English language, mathematics, design and technology, construction, engineering or science

Where this job could lead

With experience and further learning you could progress to:

Craft bricklayer · Lead bricklayer · Site manager · Site supervisor · Construction manager · Construction project manager

Other ways in

You might also be able to move into this job from:

Construction labourer roles · General construction operative roles · Property maintenance operative roles · Groundworker roles · Builder's mate roles · General builder roles

Further learning options

Level 3

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Onsite construction

Apprenticeship
Craft bricklayer

Diploma or extended diploma
Typically construction, brickwork or construction operations

Level 4

Apprenticeship
Construction site supervisor

HNC or diploma
Typically construction, construction management or building studies

Level 5

HND or foundation degree
Typically construction management, building studies or construction engineering

Level 6

Apprenticeship
Construction site manager

Degree
Typically construction management, building surveying or civil engineering

Gain experience and develop your skills

Job shadowing
Shadowing qualified bricklayers on construction and refurbishment projects.

Work experience
Placements with house builders, construction firms or brickwork contractors.

Clubs and enrichment
STEM clubs, construction skills competitions or bricklaying competitions.

Volunteering
Assisting with community building or refurbishment projects.

Projects
Bricklaying, wall construction and masonry projects.

The routes shown are examples and do not include every option. You do not need to complete every stage shown, and people may enter or progress at different points depending on their skills and experience.
Based on Skills England occupational standards and the UK Standard Skills Classification. Qualification names are examples; availability varies by provider.