

# What does a **LABOURER** do?

Construction & Specialized Workers Union Labourers duties are very diverse, including preparing and cleaning construction sites, moving materials and equipment, performing demolition, excavation and compaction activities.

## **LABOURERS**

- Handle and distribute construction materials
- Excavate, backfill and compact sub grade (e.g. move and level earth; operate compaction equipment and pneumatic tampers)
- Place, consolidate and protect case-in-place concrete or masonry structures
- Assemble and dismantle scaffolding, ramps, catwalks, shoring and barricades
- Drill and blast rock at construction sites
- Demolish buildings and sort, clean and pile salvaged materials
- Operate jackhammers and drills to break up concrete or pavement
- Site services and plant maintenance
- Safety monitoring (e.g. flagging)
- Refractory labour
- Sidewalk, curb and gutter and road building
- Surface and underground



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# TRAINING TO BECOME A LABOURER

## APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING



The term of training for a Construction Craft Labourer is a minimum of 24 months including at least 2,400 hours of work experience. An applicant who previously completed training or work experience related to the Construction Craft Labourer occupation or who holds a related certificate may qualify for credit that could reduce the term of training.



To learn the skills required of a Construction Craft Labourer, a person must:

- Have at least Grade 9 education or equivalent, or pass an entrance exam
- Find a suitable employer who is willing to hire a trainee

## SKILLS & ABILITIES

The labourer trade appeals to people who enjoy being physically active, working outdoors and using hand and power tools.

To be successful in the occupation, Construction Craft Labourers need:

- Physical strength & stamina
- Manual dexterity
- The ability to lift more than 25 kilograms
- A safety-conscious attitude
- The ability to work with others in a team