

What is a... FLOORLAYER?

Floorlayers, also known as Floor Covering Installers, install all types of flooring materials, including carpet, sheet vinyls, tile, wood and laminates, and even sports surfaces. Floor Covering Installers install floor coverings in structures such as commercial buildings, schools, hotels, homes and churches. This is a specialized occupation with many opportunities.

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLERS

Floor Covering Installers typically work in crews of two or more because teamwork is a key component of any floor covering job site. Most of the work is indoors, except for the installation of outdoor carpets, around pools or sport surfaces.

A typical Floor Covering Installer's workday lasts eight hours.

Attention to safety and health is stressed because of the machinery, tools, materials and equipment used in this trade.

Floor Covering Installers are usually

paid by the hour and as union members they get overtime pay for all work over eight hours.

Apprentices often start out on a job by helping move materials; assist to measure and cut; and learn to understand the tools and materials of the trade. As they gain experience, they move into more complicated work.

Floor Covering Installers work in commercial, residential and institutional settings. Work is often done based on specifications of architects, facility managers or interior designers.



TRAINING TO BECOME FLOORLAYER

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING



The term for apprenticeship for a Floor Covering Installer Program is 3 years (three 12-month periods with 5 weeks of technical training each year and a minimum of 5,400 hours of on-the-job training).

Your first step to becoming a Floor Covering Installer is to register with the Industry Training Authority as an apprentice in the trade of floor covering. The ITA requires that apprentices be sponsored by a journeyman throughout their apprenticeship training. You will then enroll

in the first of three 5-week sessions of technical training.

During your apprenticeship, you will get on-the-job training through employment with one of our contractors, which means you will be paid as you train.

Apprentices may be eligible to receive Employment Insurance benefits during the 5-week technical training sessions. The provincial government also offers apprenticeship grants for Red Seal trade apprentices.



SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Estimating materials
- Understanding pattern layout
- Safely using the industry's many tools, adhesives and fastening systems



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