

Apprenticeship fact sheet

Timber frame installer – Level 2

The NHBC Timber Frame Installer apprenticeship is the ideal first step for starting an exciting career in construction. It's perfect for anyone who wants to earn while they learn the fundamentals of timber frame installation on housing developments.

Over 18 months, apprentices will be immersed in the construction industry, gaining hands-on experience of real timber frame installation tasks and developing an understanding of the complexities and challenges involved in modern house building. Our unique position as the standards-setting body allows us to continually enhance our syllabus to meet current and future apprenticeship standards.

An apprenticeship with NHBC gives trainees a clear pathway to a successful and rewarding career. Many people now in senior positions within the industry began their careers with a trade apprenticeship.

Our apprentices demonstrate drive, determination and a practical approach to everyday tasks. They enjoy working as part of a team, take pride in precision and safety, and are well suited to working outdoors in a dynamic site environment.

This Timber Frame Installer apprenticeship is designed to address the shortage of skilled workers in the house-building industry by helping to train and prepare the next generation of highly proficient timber frame installers.

Please read on for a quick summary of the apprenticeship, learning blocks and delivery methods. For more information or to contact us, please visit: nhbc.co.uk/apprenticeships.

Key points

- Train at one of our unique, purpose-built training hubs that mirror a real-life working environment.
- Meets the Apprenticeship Standard set by the industry.
- Co-created with leading contractors within house building to meet the specific needs of this sector.
- Suitable for beginners and those with some experience.
- Delivered through intensive blocks of training and time spent on site with your employer.
- Fully qualified tutors with construction and training expertise.
- End-point assessment is via an independent organisation, triggered when the employer, apprentice and NHBC agree the individual is ready. Assessment includes an online portfolio of evidence, an online knowledge test, a skills test and a professional discussion.
- Apprenticeship usually completed within 18 months, including the end-point assessment.
- Provides a route to career progression with hands-on learning from day one.
- Help with setting up your DAS account to download and manage your Apprenticeship Levy funding.

*Training is fully covered through the Apprenticeship Levy funding.



Delivery methods

- Hands-on training at an NHBC Training Hub.
- Periodic progress reviews (at least every 12 weeks).
- Regular assessment through an apprenticeship management system containing evidence of tasks completed.



Apprenticeship learning blocks

- Health and safety legislation
- Correct, safe use of tools and equipment
- Positioning sole plates
- Internal wall panels installation
- Installing floor joists/cassettes
- Constructing and installing truss rafter roofs
- Timber frame tolerances
- Fixings and sheathings
- Insulation
- Fire resistance
- Service penetrations
- Protection from moisture
- Breather membranes
- Expansion (differential movement)
- DPC/DPM interfaces
- Awareness of ancillary installation (doors, windows, lintols, ties)
- Design checking and certification
- Slinger and signaller qualification (CPCS)

Functional skills (maths and English)

- Entrants to the apprenticeship will ideally hold maths and English qualifications equivalent to Functional Skills Level 1 (eg GCSE grade E-D/2-3). However, consideration will be given to any applicant who can achieve diagnostic results at the required levels.
- If the equivalent is not already held, apprentices will need to achieve Level 1 and attempt Level 2 in order to complete their apprenticeship. Support to achieve this will be provided. Employers must make time available for completion of maths and English qualifications in addition to the central programme if this is the case.
- Assessments, diagnostics and learning for those candidates needing to improve their maths and/or English grades will be face to face and embedded within learning, with additional support available one-to-one or in group sessions for those who need it.
- This is an accelerated apprenticeship over 18 months. Without apprentice and employer commitment to the requirements for Functional Skills (maths and English), it is unlikely an apprenticeship will be achieved.

Apprentices - minimum requirements for acceptance on the scheme

- Self-motivation and a desire to achieve in an outdoor environment.
- Able to commit to block periods of learning.
- Some limited time away from the workplace to complete research/assignments and functional skills (if applicable) will be required. Apprenticeship guidelines state this can be paid or in the apprentice's own time (to be agreed between the employer and apprentice).

Interested?

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