

## Working in construction

2.35 million people work in construction in the UK and over a third of the workforce is self-employed. Careers in construction craft roles suit people who are practical and are willing to work in a team. Craftspeople can also move into professional and technician roles and there are many opportunities to progress.



There are over 700 different types of jobs in the construction industry, including:

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| bench joiner                      | bricklayer                    |
| construction operative (labourer) | demolition worker             |
| dry liner                         | heating installation engineer |
| plant operator                    | road worker                   |
| roofer                            | scaffolder                    |
| site engineer                     | wood machinist                |

Whatever area you choose to work in, English and maths will be important in order to measure and work out the materials you require ensuring that there is no waste. You may have to calculate how long the job will take, work out mixes using ratios, work out area, perimeter or volume as well as select the most cost effective supplier and calculate costs. You will need to communicate with a range of people and read information and understand information about health and safety.

**For more information about jobs in the construction industry** go to the **bconstructive** website [www.bconstructive.co.uk](http://www.bconstructive.co.uk) and the **construction skills** website [www.cskills.org](http://www.cskills.org).