

National Apprenticeship Week promo (November 13-19)

Cement Masons and Plasterers Local 592

Plasterers apply and smooth wet plaster to interior walls and ceilings to form fire resistant and relatively soundproof surfaces which may then be decorated. They also apply stucco and synthetic stucco finishes to exterior of buildings and cast ornamental designs in plaster.

Plasterers may first apply a rough coat of scratch plaster to metal or gypsum lath. They use a hawk (a square plate of wood or metal) to hold a small amount of wet plaster and a trowel to apply it. To obtain a uniform surface, they apply a border of the desired thickness to the top and bottom of the section to be covered. When the borders have hardened, they fill in the area between them with one or two base coats of plaster. They then level the entire area to the exact thickness required and smooth the surface with a long, flat tool called a darby.

After this surface has dried and set a smooth or decorated finish coat is applied. A plasterer's work is varied in that each job presents different problems and conditions. Therefore, the work does not become monotonous. There are many different types of plastering, each of which must be learned and mastered, although a Plasterer may specialize in one class of work.

- Working Conditions:

Work is done both indoors and out. Surroundings are usually dirty and dusty or wet. Workers are exposed to extremes of temperatures. Work involves considerable standing, stooping, kneeling and working at heights.

- How to apply:

Applications are available online at www.opcmia592.com. Applications may be returned February 1 thru March 15. The \$10 application fee must be paid when the application is returned (credit or debit card, cash, or money order. No personal checks accepted). The fee is non-refundable. A copy of the applicant's driver's license and high school diploma or GED must be turned in with the application. Applicants must be 18 years of age. You will be notified by certified mail of the date and time for your interview. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the apprentice office has your current address at all times. Applicants who do not attend their scheduled interview will be automatically disqualified. Applicants who interview score is below 70% will be automatically disqualified. Applicants who fail drug screening will be automatically disqualified.

The school year runs from September until May, every Saturday from 7:00 am until 3:30 pm.

The terms of apprenticeship for cement masons are a minimum of 3 years and 3,000 hours, in addition to completing all in-house related instruction.

The terms of apprenticeship for plasterers are a minimum of 3 years and 6,000 hours, in addition to completing all in-house related instruction.

- Requirements necessary to enter the apprenticeship program include:

Applicant must be of legal working age.

High school graduate or equivalent required.

A valid driver's license is required as well as an insured vehicle.

Applicants must pass a drug test.