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www.wic.org
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AGC Calif. Construction Education & Research Foundation
American Institute of Architects
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers
Associated Builders & Contractors
Bobcat Construction Equipment
Building California Construction Careers
California Apprenticeship Training Coordinators Association
California Coalition for Construction in the Classroom
California Employment Development Department
California Landscape Contractors Assoc
California State Building and Trades Council
Career Voyages (Information)
Caterpillar Careers
Construction Craft Training Center
Construction Weblinks (Various Careers)
Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California
Dept of Industrial Relations
Helmets to Hardhats
Hire a Hero
Home Builders Association of Northern California
Job Corps
McGraw Hill Construction
National Assoc. of Equipment Manufacturers
National Assoc. of Women in Construction
National Center for Construction Education and Research
Northern Calif. Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee
Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Assoc.
Santa Rosa Junior College
Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors Natl Assoc
Sheet Metal International Training Institute
Sonoma County New Ways to Work
Sonoma County Office of Education
Sonoma State University
Tradeswomen Inc.
United Brotherhood of Carpenters
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT JOBS IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY



1. What kinds of jobs are there in construction?

Probably more than you might think. The construction industry includes a variety of positions out 'in the field'; like carpentry, plumbing, electrical, roofing, sheet metal, masonry, painting, landscaping and much more. The 'professional' side encompasses architecture, engineering, land surveying, etc. And, there are plenty of office jobs related to the industry. Really, there is a job in construction that will fit almost anyone.

2. How much money can I make?

It varies quite a bit, but many construction jobs start out well above minimum wage. You can expect \$8 – 15 an hour to start, and can soon be earning, with experience, \$20 – 30 an hour. It is not uncommon for people with experience in the building industry to be making \$50 – 70,000 a year.

3. What experience do I need to start?

None. There are numerous entry-level positions in construction. However, any background of working with your hands and tools is of great advantage. As with any industry, any training in the field is very valuable.

4. Do I need to be a high school graduate?

Finishing high school will give an employer confidence in your ability to complete a job. While there is no requirement, a high school grad will get promotions sooner and earn more money than a non-grad in most cases.

5. Are there jobs for college grads?

Absolutely. College is a great place to learn more of the advanced skills that will help in any job. Most of the time, you'll need a college degree of some kind to get into careers in architecture, engineering and others like those. There are also colleges that offer degrees in construction management.

6. What about opportunities for women?

It's a myth that construction is for "men only". Many women choose to work in construction and have very successful careers.

7. What else do I need to know?

A few suggestions – try out a few fields and find the one that interests you the most. You'll succeed at something that you enjoy. If you are a hard worker, show up on time, follow instructions well and have a solid understanding of math, you'll be a great fit for the building industry.

8. What do I need to do to get started?

There's a lot that you can do. First, ask somebody who works in a field that you enjoy how he or she got into it. Most of them will be excited to tell you about training programs that they experienced.

Visit the many websites listed on the back of this brochure for more information about a career in construction.

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