

LABOURER



"You'll never get bored! You'll be engaged in plenty of different tasks and have many opportunities to exercise different skills."

ABOUT THIS CAREER

A construction laborer or construction worker does physical labor on construction sites. They may prepare sites by cleaning them, loading or unloading materials, and removing hazards. A general laborer may also run some types of equipment, or put together and take apart scaffolding and other temporary structures. They are essential to highway construction, building, and environmental remediation.

HOURLY PAY (BASED ON
JOURNEYPERSON)

Approx. \$38-\$39

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION WORKER
RETIREMENTS

~8,100 BY 2029

**BuildForce Canada*



Great physical health
and strength



Great at
multi-tasking



Work well in a team
environment

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Operate and care for construction equipment and machines.
- Load or unload construction materials.
- Put together and take apart temporary structures, such as scaffolding.
- Ready to learn from on-the-job training when necessary.
- Remove, fill, or compact earth.
- Prep construction sites by cleaning obstacles and hazards.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Education:

Highschool or equivalent. Complete a three-to four year apprenticeship program. Once you successfully complete the required on-the-job training, technical training and exams, you are awarded a journeyman certificate.

Key Skills & Attributes

- Tool operation
- Following instruction
- Time management skills are a must.
- Critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Communication skills.
- Technological know-how.
- Strength and endurance
- Great hand-eye coordination.

DID YOU KNOW?

Labourers build highways and bridges, waterways and dams, hospitals, schools and government institutions. They make streets, communities, cities and provinces work. From low rise to high rise construction, pouring concrete to landscaping homes, they literally and figuratively build communities.

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