



**ARIZONA  
MASONRY  
COUNCIL**

**IS A CAREER IN MASONRY  
RIGHT FOR ME?**



## **AS A MASON, WHAT WOULD I DO?**

As a skilled mason, the contributions you make will last for generations. Masons work with brick, concrete block, stone, glass block, architectural precast and more. Work can be simple as building a wall or as complex as installing an ornate exterior, constructing a school or hospital. As with many construction trades, masonry work is done outdoors.

The work is very physical, involving the use of hand tools, power tools and material-moving equipment. Every brick and block must be laid by hand and requires the skill of a craftsman - a true artist. A skilled mason knows the different patterns, textures and colors that create an attractive finished product. Masons must also be able to read blueprints, understand building codes and be knowledgeable of industry safety guidelines and rules for handling hazardous materials. Each job presents new challenges that masons are called upon to address and solve.

### **EEO Pledge**

The recruitment, selection, employment and training of Apprentices during their Apprenticeship will be without discrimination because of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or sex. The AMC will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in Apprenticeship and will operate the Apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 30, or as amended by the Arizona Apprenticeship Rules and Regulations.

## **AS A SKILLED MASON, WOULD I BE IN DEMAND?**

Absolutely! There are several opportunities to start a career in masonry since today the industry is facing a shortage of skilled employees.

A trained and skilled mason will have job security that promises a lucrative career for years to come.

## MASONRY CAREER PATH OVERVIEW

A wide variety of careers are available within the masonry industry from mason to foreman to estimator and even company owner! Depending upon your interests, you could pursue opportunities in many different areas of masonry. Some examples of possible careers within the industry are listed below:

### **BRICK AND BLOCK MASONS - \$24.00\* PER HOUR**

Lay and bind building materials, such as brick, concrete masonry units (block), stone, glass block, masonry veneers with mortar and other substances; to construct vertical structures or repair walls, partitions, arches and other structures.

### **JOBSITE SUPERVISOR OR FOREMAN - \$32.00\* PER HOUR**

Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers and their helpers. May perform both supervisory and management functions and may also engage in the same construction work as the workers they supervise.

### **PROJECT MANAGER - \$36.00\* PER HOUR**

Plan, direct, coordinate or budget, usually through subordinate supervisory personnel. Activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems. Participate in the conceptual development of a construction project and oversee its organization, scheduling and implementation.

### **ESTIMATOR - \$75,000\* ANNUAL SALARY**

Prepare cost estimates for construction projects or services to aid management in bidding on or determining price of project, product or service.

\* Hourly wage/salary information are estimates only. Actual hourly and yearly wages are determined by individual employers and dependent upon employee's experience/skill level and market conditions.

## MASONRY SKILLS ASSESSMENT TEST

Bricklayers and mason journeymen come in all shapes and sizes - both men and women, every race and nationality and every education level. Although they may look different from the outside, there are some basic skills that all successful masons have in common. Answer the questions below to discover if a career in masonry is right for you.

Do you enjoy physically active sports and hobbies?    Y    or    N

Do you like being outdoors, regardless of the weather?    Y    or    N

Are you good at reading and following the directions on maps and in instruction manuals?    Y    or    N

Do you enjoy building things that people can use?    Y    or    N

Are you an artistic or creative person?    Y    or    N

Do you dream of being your own boss and owning your own business someday?    Y    or    N

Do you enjoy and excel in math, algebra and geometry classes?    Y    or    N

Do you work well on teams, both in classes and in sports?    Y    or    N

Are you good at activities that require hand-eye coordination, like playing video games or tennis?    Y    or    N

Do you consider yourself a perfectionist or pride yourself on precise and quality performance?    Y    or    N

If you answered "Yes" to the majority of these questions, a career in masonry is perfect for you! Contact the Arizona Masonry Council to find out how you can apply for the Masonry Apprenticeship Program and take the first steps toward building your career in the masonry industry.

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