

# Apprenticeship Training Programme

## Phase 1: *With Employer*

Induction Training  
Introduction to Health & Safety Training  
Introduction to Tools & Equipment  
Introduction to Basic Skills

## Phase 2: *Delivered in Training Centre (20 week)*

Course Content:  
Induction  
Wall Tiling  
Floor Tiling  
Specialist Tiling Systems

## Phase 3: *With Employer*

Work Based Assessments

## Phase 4: *Delivered in Educational Colleges (10 weeks)*

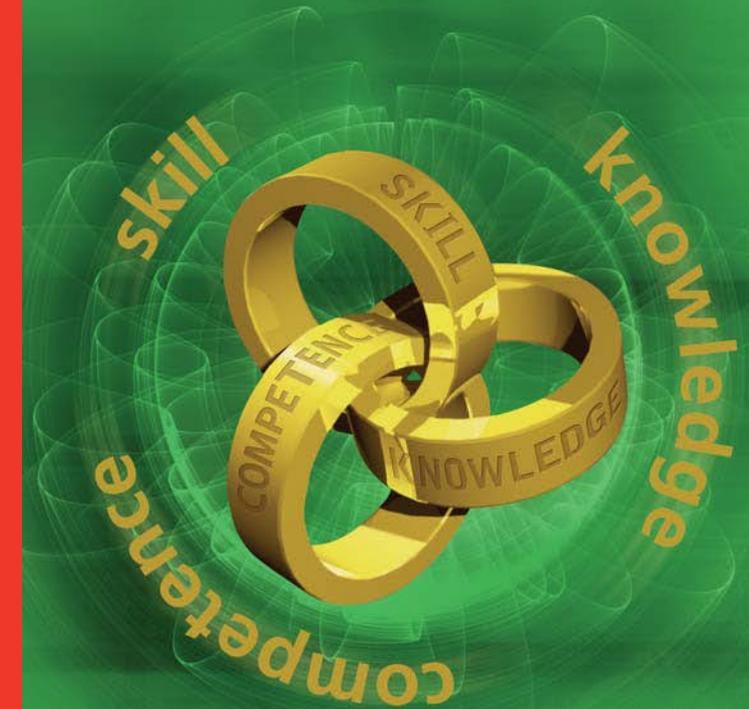
Course Content:  
Decorative Wall Tiling  
Mosaic Tiling  
Industrial Floor Tiling

## Phase 5: *With Employer*

Work Based Assessments

The overall duration of this apprenticeship is a minimum of 4 years provided all phases are successfully completed. On successful completion of the programme the learner is awarded a Level 6 Advanced Certificate Craft – Floor & Wall Tiling

# The Craft of Floor & Wall Tiling



For further information please contact your local Education & Training Board Training Centre or log onto [www.SOLAS.ie](http://www.SOLAS.ie)



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 **Apprenticeship**

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## Overview

The work of a floor and wall tiler includes the fixing of tiles to provide surface finishes to internal/external, vertical, horizontal, curved, angle and stepped or shaped surfaces. They also fix mosaic, chemical resistant tiles, marble tiles, natural stone and terracotta.

Floor and wall tilers normally work in the general, domestic and industrial sectors of the construction industry. They often consult with clients on the design and layout of work projects.

## Work activities

The work includes setting out tiles, marking grid lines, and levelling datum lines and tile batons. It also involves fixing ceramic tiles to walls, floors and steps and laying vinyl tiles and sheet materials.

## Personal qualities and Skills

As a floor and wall tiler you need to be an accurate and careful worker. You must be able to take accurate measurements and do simple calculations. You need good practical skills and you must be able to use cutting tools.

You need to be physically fit as the work involves carrying, kneeling and bending.

## Aspects of Work

- Learning new practical skills
- Being physically active and on your feet
- Learning and developing new craft-related skills
- Understanding technical drawings and diagrams
- Being accurate with numbers in counting, measuring and arithmetic
- Work requiring accuracy and attention to detail
- Being well-organised and careful with practical tasks
- Travelling around from place to place
- Practical skills and theoretical knowledge
- Learning about buildings, roads etc and how they are built
- Being aware of how colours and shapes are used in design
- Lifting or carrying heavy items
- Working on ladders or at a height
- Taking responsibility for own learning, including the allocation of study time

## Opportunities

Opportunities arise from time-to-time for promotion to supervisor level. Many persons use an apprenticeship as a first step in proceeding to such occupations as instructors, teachers, training advisers, managers and owners of businesses.

Where apprentices and crafts persons have the necessary ability, initiative and basic qualifications, opportunities are available for advancement. These include advanced technological and management courses which are available in Institutes of Technology, Schools of Management, Professional Institutes, etc.

Persons anxious to advance themselves in their careers are advised to discover for themselves what opportunities are available.

## Educational Requirements

The minimum age at which the employment of an apprentice may commence is 16 years of age.

The minimum educational requirements are:

1. Grade D in five subjects in the Department of Education & Skills Junior Certificate Examination or an approved equivalent,  
or
2. The successful completion of an approved Pre-Apprenticeship course  
or
3. Three years' work experience gained over sixteen years of age in a relevant designated industrial activity as SOLAS shall deem acceptable

You must obtain a job as an apprentice in your chosen occupation. Your employer must be approved to train apprentices and must register you as an apprentice within 2 weeks of recruitment.

In certain crafts, apprenticeship applicants are required to pass a colour vision test approved by SOLAS.