

## Level 3 Trailblazer Apprenticeship Qualification for Plastering

This qualification incorporates units that will be taught-based and competency-based. Taught-based units will be delivered at a training provider and will cover the knowledge, skills and behaviours that are outlined on the apprenticeship standard. Competency-based units will map into the National Occupation Standards (NOS) and the apprenticeship standard's skills and behaviours. The competency-based units will be assessed on site.

Additionally, both parts of the qualification include two pathways—Solid Pathway and Fibrous Pathway. This means that core units will be taken by all learners, while other units will only be completed by those enrolled in a specific pathway.

There are 5 mandatory core units, 6 mandatory units specific to the Solid Pathway, and 7 mandatory units specific to Fibrous pathway. These are all outlined below.

### Taught-based indicative content

#### Mandatory – all of the following units:

##### ***Construction considerations when plastering/Principles*** to include:

- Types of buildings (eg eras, sectors)
- Traditional and modern construction methods
- Environmental considerations
- Sustainability

##### ***Communicating and working in the construction industry*** to include:

- Roles, responsibilities and progression routes
- Planning individual work activities and efficiencies
- Drawings and documentation
- Estimating costs and quantities
- Communication methods and styles
- High quality customer service
- Importance of good relationships with stakeholders (including other trades)

##### ***Health and safety*** to include:

- Manual handling
- PPE
- COSHH/ risk assessments
- Working at height
- Signage
- Site procedures (including fire regulations, first aid, induction)
- Equipment/ PUWER
- General welfare (toilets, eating, general public, gates are shut, etc.)

***Dry lining and metal furring (MF) systems*** to include:

- Prepare backgrounds
- Setting out
- Types of materials
- Fixing and finishing systems
- Tools and equipment

## **Solid pathway**

**Mandatory – all of the following units:**

***Internal solid plastering*** to include:

- Prepare backgrounds
- Types of materials
- Fix sheet materials
- Plastering accessories, tools and equipment
- Apply one, two and three coat work
- Venetian/ polish

***External solid rendering*** to include:

- Prepare backgrounds
- Types of materials
- Fix sheet materials
- Plastering accessories, tools and equipment
- Apply one, two and three coat work

***Floor screed systems*** to include:

- Prepare substrate
- Setting out
- Materials, tools and equipment
- Types of floor systems and finishes

## **Fibrous pathway**

**Mandatory – all of the following units:**

***Fibrous plastering in the workshop*** to include:

- Materials, tools and workshop equipment
- Constructing running moulds
- Producing plaster models
- Reverse moulds and mould making
- Producing pre-cast mouldings

***Fibrous plastering on site*** to include:

- Materials, tools and site equipment
- Fixing and finishing pre-cast architectural mouldings
- Running and finishing internal and external mouldings in-situ
- Taking squeezes

**Competency-based indicative content with NOS reference numbers**

Qualification maps to VR209, 211 and 641 throughout

**Mandatory for both pathways:**

Communication and customer service (VR210)

**Solid pathway**

**Mandatory – all of the following units:**

Applying and finishing internal plastering (VR76)

Applying and finishing external rendering (VR77)

Installing dry lining systems (VR68 and 71)

- To include 2 of the 3: metal furring system, timber frame, direct bond

**Fibrous pathway**

**Mandatory – all of the following units:**

Produce pre-cast architectural mouldings (VR74)

Run in-situ mouldings (VR80)

- To include traditional materials

Produce reverse moulds (VR81)

Install and finish pre-cast architectural mouldings (VR82)

Repair and reinstate mouldings to match existing (VR83)