

Construction Worker Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepare construction site for project commencement, which include clearing of debris and stumping
- Demolish existing structures, excavate the debris, and remove hazardous materials and chemicals
- Assist the procurement team in transportation of materials to the construction site
- Assist in loading and unloading of construction materials
- Assist subcontractors and tradesmen such as bricklayers, roofers, and carpenters
- Erect concrete forms, scaffolds, and ramps
- Mix cement, sand and stone accurately, and pour concrete, grout, and asphalt
- Interpret project blueprints and sketches
- Smooth out poured concrete using finishing tools like trowel and shovel
- Move heavy objects and materials using cranes, forklifts, and pneumatic hammers
- Erect walls and base cabinets, as well as install floors and shingles
- Install drain pipes, sewer pipes, and electrical fittings.

Construction Worker Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Knowledge of construction procedure: Any employer hiring a construction worker does so with the expectation that the applicant is knowledgeable about construction procedures. Though there is always room for learning and improvement on the job, however, background knowledge of how to perform basic construction duties is compulsory

- Physical strength: Working as a construction worker requires a lot of physical strength and stamina to be able to lift heavy loads and stand for a prolonged period, and even handle strenuous tasks
- Communication: Ability to communicate effectively is a vital quality expected of a construction worker. He/she must be able to understand and follow instructions, as well as be able to communicate fluently with seniors and subordinates
- Multitasking and team play ability: Working as a construction worker involves performing numerous functions simultaneously. Therefore, he/she must be able to multitask. Proficiency in more than one area of construction is often desired by employers. In addition, he/she must be able to work hand-in-hand with other workers to ensure tasks are accomplished simultaneously
- Education and training: Hiring managers generally prefer construction workers with at least high school diploma to ensure they can read, write, and understand written instructions. Training or basic knowledge of construction safety procedures is also very important
- A construction worker must be proficient in handling tools and machines used in construction projects, including saws, hammers, and sometimes cranes or forklifts.