



**THOUSANDS OF JOBS IN THE
MASONRY INDUSTRY WILL
BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT
SEVERAL YEARS.**

YOU COULD HAVE ONE OF THEM.

A construction worker wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt, a white hard hat with the number '1322', and safety glasses is working on a concrete block. He is using a power tool, possibly a reciprocating saw, to cut the block. The worker is positioned on a wooden scaffolding structure. In the background, there are wooden beams and a corrugated metal ceiling. A yellow cable is visible running across the scene. The overall scene is a construction site.

ARE YOU WONDERING IF COLLEGE IS FOR YOU?

When you're exploring possible career choices, there are many things to consider. An extremely important aspect of any career is the time and cost of the education required. In the masonry field, you can earn while you learn with a paid apprenticeship. You can also earn more over a lifetime than some people with a bachelor's degree.

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BENEFITS

HIGH POTENTIAL SALARY

Salaries in the masonry field can reach over \$110,000 per year and can include fringe benefits, such as health care and pensions.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Trainees can earn money while learning the trade with paid apprenticeships.

HEALTH CARE AND PENSIONS

Union masons have access to excellent health care benefits for themselves and their families. Worried about retirement? Don't be. Your future will be covered.

NO-DEBT CAREER PATH

Learning a trade through an apprentice program avoids the high cost of college, so there are no huge student loans to repay.



“It’s the type of craft where you can be highly imaginative, and you get to see the results very vividly.”

**Heath Cawley, Apprentice,
Tile Setter, BAC Local 9**

GROWING INDUSTRY

Across Pennsylvania, new projects begin every day, from private homes to shopping centers to massive factories.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You can start off as a craft professional and work your way up to foreman or superintendent.

LOCAL JOBS

Workers in this field can earn a good living while staying close to home.

BAC LOCAL 9

Be a part of one of the oldest and most respected trade unions. Being a member of a trade union will help you find jobs across the country.



Jake Quinlan, Apprentice,
Bricklayer, BAC Local 9



Lamire Redman, Apprentice,
Bricklayer, BAC Local 9

"It's so much more than people think: it's an art, a true craft."

"Being a part of this program has made a huge difference in my life in every way."

BRICKLAYERS

Bricklayers use a trowel to spread a layer, or “bed” of soft mortar, which serves as a base and binder for brick. They apply mortar to the end of the brick and position it in the mortar bed. They then tap the brick to level and align it, creating specified mortar thickness and removing excess mortar, and finish the joints with a “jointer.”

TILE SETTERS

Tile setters and tile finishers install materials on a variety of surfaces, such as floors, walls, ceilings, countertops, patios, and roof decks.

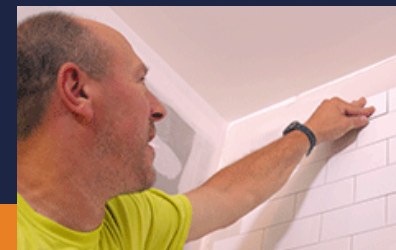
To cut tiles, workers use power wet saws, tile scribes, or handheld tile cutters to create even edges. They use trowels of different sizes to spread mortar or a sticky paste called mastic evenly on the surface to be tiled. After the mortar dries, and the tiles are set, they grout between tiles using a rubber trowel called a float.

TERRAZZO WORKERS

Terrazzo workers and finishers create decorative walkways, floors, patios, and panels. Although much of the preliminary work in pouring, leveling, and finishing concrete is similar to that of cement masons, terrazzo workers create more decorative finishes by blending a fine marble chip into the cement, which is often colored. Once the terrazzo is thoroughly set, workers correct any depressions or imperfections with a grinder to create a smooth, uniform finish.

STONE MASONS

Stone masons build stone walls, as well as set stone exteriors and floors. They work with many types of stone: natural stone, such as marble, granite, and limestone; and artificial stone, made from concrete marble chips or other masonry materials.



PCC - POINTERS, CLEANERS, AND CAULKERS

PCC workers repair brickwork, stone work, and terra cotta, particularly on older structures on which mortar has become loose. Special care must be taken during cleaning and renovation so that the structural integrity of the existing material or finishes is not damaged. Most PCC work is performed on scaffolding.

PCCs also caulk and clean new buildings, which may be constructed of but are not limited to brick, stone, tile, terra-cotta, cultured stone, and a variety of different materials. Since PCC work is typically performed above ground level on scaffolding, anyone pursuing this trade should not have a fear of heights.

BRICKLAYER HELPERS

Bricklayer helpers perform some of the duties of a bricklayer journeyman.

The helper does not actually lay any of the units but performs jobs such as grouting, placing reinforcing rods, and installing insulation and certain anchorage systems.

CEMENT MASONS AND PLASTERERS

Cement masons place and finish concrete. They may color concrete surfaces, expose aggregate (small stones) in walls and sidewalks, or make concrete beams, columns, and panels.

Plasterers apply coats of plaster to interior walls and ceilings to form fire-resistant and relatively soundproof surfaces. Using trowels, workers spread plaster on solid surfaces, such as concrete block, to supportive wire mesh called lath. They also may apply plaster over drywall to create smooth or textured scratch-resistant finishes. Using molds and a variety of trowel techniques, some plasterers make decorative and ornamental designs, which require special skills and creativity.

HOW TO APPLY

BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 9 PA JOINT APPRENTICE AND TRAINING COMMITTEE will be accepting applications for the following trades: bricklayer, cement mason, pointer- cleaner-caulker, stone mason, tile layer, and terrazzo worker. Applications are accepted all year.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT:

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 9 PA
100 Kingston Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Or at our website: www.local9pa.com

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be of good moral character and be able to perform the physical work of the trade.
2. Applicant must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED certificate or must be 17 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED certificate and a parent or guardian signature.
3. Applicant must have a valid PA driver's license.
4. Applicant must take a written exam set up by the JATC and attend a JATC oral interview.
5. Applicant must pay a nonrefundable processing fee of \$25 to be paid at time of submitting application.
6. Applicants may be required to submit to a test for substance abuse.
7. Applicant must be willing to attend an out-of-state school for 8 weeks.
8. Applicants must reside within the jurisdiction of BAC Local 9 PA and the appropriate chapter for which they are applying.
9. Subject to a criminal-record check.

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