

# Getting into construction

Building your future!

## Should I consider construction?

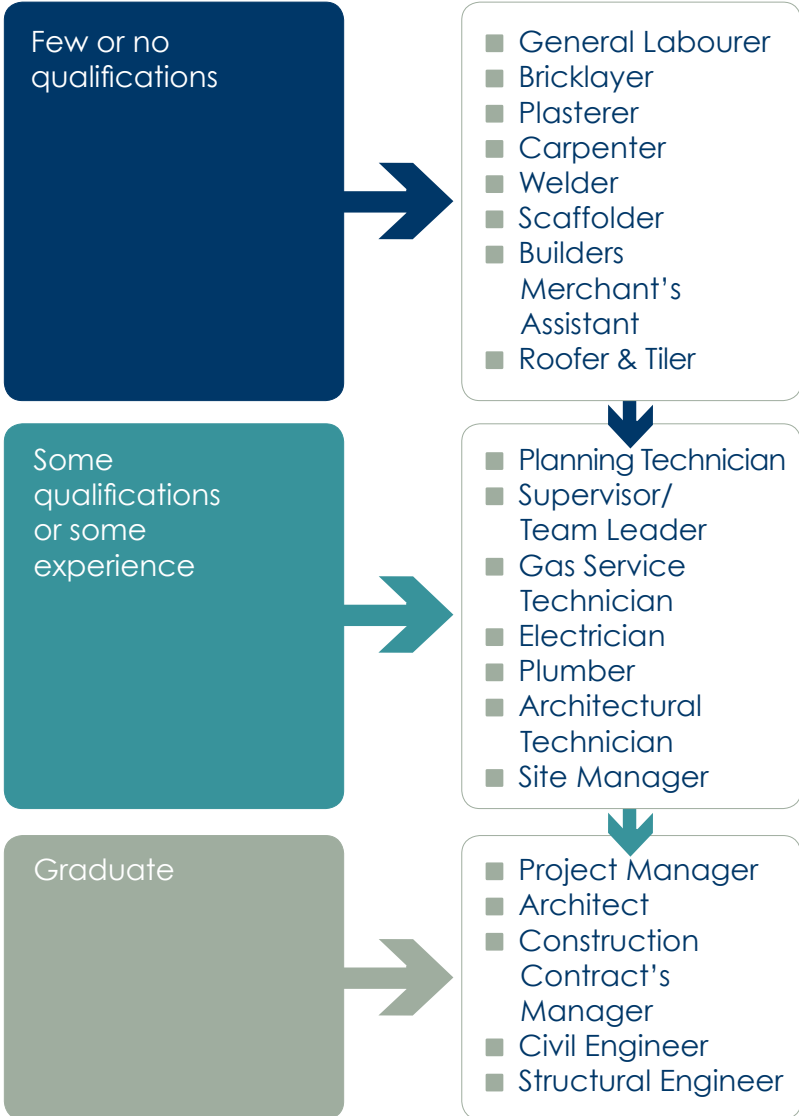
### Do you have...

- good practical skills?
- good attention to detail?
- the ability to travel?
- a reasonable level of fitness?
- good hand/eye coordination?
- awareness of Health & Safety?
- good team working skills?

Find out more



# What can I do?



## Getting into the sector

There are three main routes into construction: craft (skilled trades like welding), technical (e.g. Electrician) and professional (e.g. Architect). To get into craft and technical jobs you can do an Apprenticeship, training through a college course or get on the job training.

## Benefits

- Learn a trade
- Working indoors/outdoors
- Self employment opportunities
- Variety in work activities

## Salary (per year)

|                    |           |             |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| ■ General Labourer | £15-20.5k | ■ Plasterer | £17.5-22k |
| ■ Electrician      | £19-25k   | ■ Architect | £30-50k   |
| ■ Civil Engineer   | £24-37k   |             |           |

## Local opportunities

There is lots of growth in the construction industry across the West of England with several major developments taking place over the next few years including Cabot Circus, Bath SouthGate, SPark, Weston Park and Locking Parklands.

92,500 new homes will also be developed between now and 2026.

It is estimated that up to 6,000 new construction workers will be needed in the South West every year.

## Could you be a bright spark?

### Jon Hayfield - Qualified Electrician

When Jon left school he joined an electrical installation training programme with On-Site which included a year of further education at City of Bristol College. On completing the course Jon secured a job with Bideem Rail Ltd in Avonmouth where he continued his training by starting an Advanced Apprenticeship.

Bideem Rail helped Jon develop a good range of skills and through hard work he completed his Apprenticeship six months ahead of schedule - achieving a distinction in his Technical Certificate. Since completing his Apprenticeship Jon has continued with further training and has passed his Testing and Inspection Certificate, securing promotion within his company and better prospects. Jon now supervises new apprentices.

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