

ROOFER

Nature of the Work

Roofers specialize in putting roofs on buildings and other structures to make them waterproof and weatherproof. They apply composition shingles, tile, slate and composition roofs. They use modern equipment to handle their materials, thereby lessening the physical exertion that was formerly required. Roofers are also called to waterproof and damp-proof walls and other building surfaces.

Working Conditions

Roofers work outdoors in all kinds of weather and shut down only when weather is severe. Craftsmen do a great deal of climbing, kneeling, standing, and walking.

Interest and Personal Qualities

A Roofer should have no fear of height, a good sense of balance, and a better-than-average sense of safety for himself and his co-workers. They should enjoy working with their hands and accept working outdoors, sometimes under unpleasant working conditions. Those who are pursuing a career as a Roofer should have the ability to communicate and work well with others. Roofers must have the appropriate physical stamina and strength to complete job assignments and be willing to work outside in inclement weather. Good mechanical aptitude and measurement skills are essential.

General Qualifications

- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be a U.S. citizen
- Good physical condition - must be able to perform the work of the trade
- Must have reliable transportation
- The person must be able to travel throughout Michigan

Admission Requirements of JATC

- Medical examination may be required
- Credit for Armed Service - subject to review by committee
- Personal interview
- Credit for experience
- Drug and alcohol test may be required

Terms of Training

- Length of apprenticeship – 3 years
- 144 hours of related classroom instruction

Recommended High School Courses

- 6 month probationary period Technical math, science, mechanical drawing, blueprint reading and shop are highly recommended.

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All applicants are afforded equal opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age or disability.