

## Apprenticeship Training Programme

### Phase 1: *With Employer*

Induction Training  
Introduction to Health & Safety Training  
Introduction to Tools & Equipment  
Introduction to Basic Skills

### Phase 2: *Delivered in Training Centre (20 week)*

Course Content:  
Recoating Surfaces & Signwork  
Surface Preparation  
Imitative & Decorative Arts  
Wallcoverings

### Phase 3: *With Employer*

Work Based Assessments

### Phase 4: *Delivered in Educational Colleges (10 weeks)*

Course Content:  
Signwork  
Wallcoverings  
Imitative & Decorative Arts  
Paint Spraying & Equipment

### Phase 5: *With Employer*

Work Based Assessments

### Phase 6: *Delivered in Educational Colleges (10 weeks)*

Course Content:  
Airless Spraying  
Signwork  
Imitative & Decorative Arts  
Wallcoverings

### Phase 7: *With Employer*

Work Based Assessments

The overall duration of this apprenticeship is a minimum of 4 years provided all phases are successfully completed. On successful completion of the programme the learner is a awarded a *Level 6 Advanced Certificate Craft – Painting & Decorating*.

For further information please contact your local Education & Training Board Training Centre or log onto [www.SOLAS.ie](http://www.SOLAS.ie)

## The Craft of Painting & Decoration



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Apprenticeship

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## Overview

Painter/decorators apply paint, wall coverings and other materials to the inside and outside of buildings.

The work of a painter/decorator includes the application of wall hangings and decorative paint coatings in the home and in commercial and industrial locations; the designing and producing of sign work and displays; and advice on colour selection and interior design. Painter/decorators are usually employed by building or painting contractors or may be self-employed.

## Work Activities

The work of the painter/decorator includes:

- decoration and preservation of new and existing private dwellings, public buildings, commercial buildings and other structures;
- renovation and restoration of period buildings;
- application of wall hangings and decorative paint coatings in the home and in commercial and industrial locations;
- designing and producing sign work and displays and advising on colour selection and interior design.

## Personal Qualities and Skills

As a painter and decorator you will need good practical skills and be able to work carefully and methodically.

You also need to be physically fit and able to work at heights.

If you suffer from an allergy or skin complaint, the chemicals that you use may affect you.

## Aspects of Work

- Learning new practical skills
- Being physically active and on your feet
- Travelling around from place to place
- Learning and developing new craft-related skills, knowledge and competence
- Being accurate with numbers in counting, measuring and arithmetic
- Being aware of how colours, textures and shapes are used in design
- Cleaning and clearing up
- Work requiring accuracy and attention to detail
- Being well-organised and careful with practical tasks
- Working on ladders or at a height
- Practical skills and theoretical knowledge
- Working outdoors in any weather
- Lifting or carrying heavy items
- Taking responsibility for own learning, including the allocation of study time

## Opportunities

Opportunities arise from time-to-time for promotion to supervisor level. Many persons use an apprenticeship as a first step in proceeding to such occupations as instructors, teachers, training advisers, managers and owners of businesses.

Where apprentices and crafts persons have the necessary ability, initiative and basic qualifications, opportunities are available for advancement. These include advanced technological and management courses which are available in Institutes of Technology, Schools of Management, Professional Institutes, etc.

People anxious to advance themselves in their careers are advised to discover for themselves what opportunities are available

## Educational Requirements

The minimum age at which the employment of an apprentice may commence is 16 years of age.

The minimum educational requirements are:

1. Grade D in five subjects in the Department of Education & Skills Junior Certificate Examination or an approved equivalent,  
or
2. The successful completion of an approved Pre-Apprenticeship course  
or
3. Three years' work experience gained over sixteen years of age in a relevant designated industrial activity as SOLAS shall deem acceptable

You must obtain a job as an apprentice in your chosen occupation. Your employer must be approved to train apprentices and must register you as an apprentice within 2 weeks of recruitment.

In certain crafts, apprenticeship applicants are required to pass a colour vision test approved by SOLAS.