



Plasterer

Description of the trade

- Points joints and covers or trues up surfaces using specialized tools and calcareous coatings such as plaster, mortar, cement, stucco, aggregates, or other substitutes
- Makes and installs plaster mouldings, moulds and installs ornaments, applies acrylic coatings

ACCESS TO CONSTRUCTION SITES

- Present to the CCQ proof of completion of DEP - Plastering and of a job guarantee from an employer registered with the CCQ, for at least 150 hours spread over three consecutive months. This leads to an apprentice competency certificate in the trade.
- Measures are in place to increase the presence of women on construction sites by 2018. Consult them at mixite.ccq.org.

APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM

- Have completed the three apprenticeship periods of 2,000 hours each (6,000 hours total) in order to be eligible for the provincial qualification examination that leads to obtaining the journeyman competency certificate for the trade.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Acquire knowledge related to mathematics, technical drawing, and materials used
- Be careful, precise, and creative
- Work neatly
- Have good physical coordination
- Be able to work at heights
- Be able to work in uncomfortable positions

Average annual salary*

Apprentice**	\$19,501
Journeyman***	\$38,071
Journeyman working at least 500 hours	\$49,911
Proportion****	72%

* Includes premiums, overtime hours, and compensation for paid statutory holidays and the obligatory annual vacations provided in the collective agreements.
 ** Average salary of graduates admitted in 2014, for the 12 months following their admission.
 *** Average salary in 2015 of those having reported at least one hour of work.
 **** Proportion of journeymen in this trade having accumulated at least 500 hours in 2015. Does not include income that may have been made for work not falling under the construction collective agreements.

Integration into the labour market

	Annual average 2012-2015	2016
New admissions to the CCQ	188	196
Placement rate of graduates*	13.5%	n/a

* Source: *La Relance au secondaire en formation professionnelle*, survey by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec. New graduates are asked about their employment situation on June 1, after they have obtained their diploma.

Hourly wage* according to the collective agreements

	Industrial, institutional and commercial	Civil engineering and roadwork	Light residential
Apprentice			
1 st period	\$21.72	\$21.81	\$20.11
2 nd period	\$25.34	\$25.45	\$23.46
3 rd period	\$30.77	\$30.90	\$28.49
Journeyman	\$36.20	\$36.35	\$33.52

*Wage in May 2016.

Volume of work per sector



Job prospects



- In 2016, 3,009 plasterers were active on sites, hired by 1,400 construction employers.
- Almost all workers are active in two sectors, residential as well as industrial and commercial. The volume of hours worked is also almost exclusively in these two sectors, which should slow in coming years.
- The construction industry admitted 196 new apprentices in 2016, eight more than the annual average for the preceding four years (188). The average income of an apprentice in the first year of work is \$19,500. Journeymen working at least 500 hours earn an average annual income of \$49,900 for work falling under the construction industry collective agreements.
- Job prospects for this trade are quite good. High turnover should create demand for new workers, but part of this could be met by workers currently available.

Training

Study program:

Diploma of vocational studies (DEP) - Plâtrage (5286) and Plastering (5786)

Duration of training: 810 hours

Academic prerequisite: Category 2*

* The academic prerequisites for all trades and occupations in this brochure are described on page 74.

Training generally offered in the following regions:

- Capitale-Nationale
- Centre-du-Québec
- Montérégie
- Montréal*
- Nord-du-Québec*
- Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean



* Training also offered in English in this region.

To find out which public facilities are authorized to offer this study program, consult the website www.inforoutefpt.org

Number of employed workers in 2016

Abitibi-Témiscamingue	14
Bas-Saint-Laurent-Gaspésie	32
Côte-Nord	13
Estrie	118
Island of Montréal	347
Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière	774
Mauricie-Bois-Francs	173
Montérégie	621
Outaouais	192
Québec	607
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	114
Outside of Québec and Baie-James	4
Total	3,009

Number of employed women 130

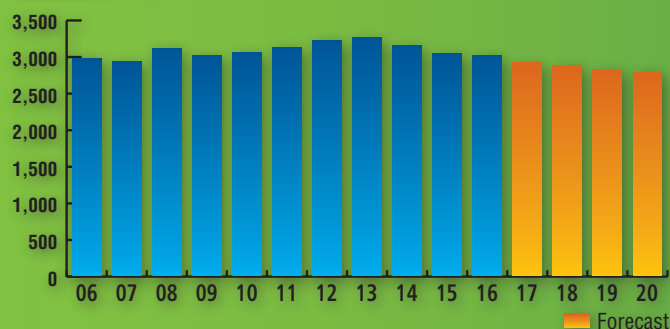
Worker mobility

Proportion of workers who travel from one region to another:*

Plasterer	11%
All trades and occupations	17%

* Excluding travel between the Montérégie, Island of Montréal, and Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions.

Number of employed workers from 2006 to 2020



Age of the workforce in 2016

	Average age	Under 30 years	30-54 years	55 years and over	Total number of workers
Apprentice	32	51%	45%	4%	1,187
Journeyman	44	12%	68%	20%	1,822
Total, plasterers	39	27%	59%	14%	3,009
All trades and occupations	39	26%	58%	16%	153,700