

# Plastering

## Summary

A plasterer uses both undercoat and finish plaster to the inside of properties they can also run up moulds for decorative areas such as ceiling and walls.

## Competition overview

The plasterer is indispensable to most domestic and commercial worksites – making walls and ceilings smooth and ready for decorating, plus many other requirements such as soundproofing and weatherproofing. They mix and apply different kinds of plaster to inside walls and ceilings and cover outside walls with coatings such as sand and cement render, pebble-dash, stone-effect materials and even machine-applied finishings.

There are two types of plasterer - Solid Plasterer & Fibrous Plasterer, but many do both. Solid Plastering is the application of wet finishes to surfaces and putting protective coverings such as pebble-dashing on external walls. Fibrous plastering involves creating ornamental plasterwork (such as ceiling roses and cornices) using a mixture of plaster and short fibres shaped with moulds and casts.

This competition has been designed reflect the role of a plasterer and the standards that are expected within the construction industry.

## Core competencies

At the competition competitors will have to demonstrate the following skills:

- Interpreting drawings
- Applying plaster with minimal wastage
- Positioning and running of moulds accurately
- Working to tolerances of within +/- 3mm
- Planning for and providing the required tools for the task
- Using personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriately
- Keeping the work area clean and tidy
- Working in a safe manner.

## Practice and preparation

You should focus on the techniques and knowledge linked to the core competencies stated above. You should also prepare and organise tools and equipment and practise [previous test projects](#).

## Entry criteria

A maximum of 3 competitors may enter this competition per organisation.

## General instructions

- At the Regional Qualifiers the maximum working time for the project is 6 hours.
- At the UK National Final the maximum working time for the project is 18 hours.
- The competition only takes place within the UK.

Please contact the Competition Organising Partner, [SkillBuild](#), for more information about entering this skill at [skillbuild@citb.co.uk](mailto:skillbuild@citb.co.uk) or on 0300 456 7965.

## Competition organising partner

SkillBuild, from the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), is the competition organising partner for the Plastering competition.