





# **PRACTICE AND PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Wall and Floor Tiling

## Interpret drawings

Spend time studying your drawing before setting out and cutting your tiles as shown on the drawing. Follow all dimensions and measurements given on drawing as shown. If you have any questions you will be given the opportunity to ask about the drawings during the briefing prior to the competition start. You will be penalised 1 mark per additional tile required so ensure you have measured correctly when scribing your tiles and handling.

## Select and wear appropriate PPE

You will be required to wear glasses when nipping and using the wet saw during the competition. You will also be required to use gloves when grouting and a mask when mixing up the adhesive and grout. Marks are deducted for breaches of health and safety when in the competition area

## Ensure you have all the necessary tools and that they are fit for purpose

Your toolkit is YOUR responsibility not your tutor, it is vital you check that you have all tools required as listed on the tools list to complete the project in full. Putting the kit together correctly will save you time during the competition as it would if preparing for a project in industry.

#### Plan your work

Planning is a key aspect to all competitions and your work onsite. It is vital that you prepare yourself by practicing past projects, timing how long aspects of the work takes you and making adjustments to ensure you complete the project on time. You will be allocated a set amount of time and you must complete the full project to ensure you gain the maximum amount of marks available

#### Fix and set your tiles

You must fix the batten at the height given during the brief, centre all work and set the tiles level, plumb with no lipping of tiles. Ensure you mix adhesive to the correct consistency as per manufacturers instructions.

## Grout, polish and finish the project as shown on drawing

As part of your planning you must factor in your finishing to the project to include mixing and applying grout, cleaning and polishing to a high standard. Marks deducted for adhesive showing through grout, pin holes, over washing, under washing and unpolished areas

## Keep the work area clean and tidy

Marks for health, safety, waste and tidiness are awarded on an ongoing basis. Make sure you work in a tidy manner at all times and try to keep your waste down to a minimum.

#### Work in a safe manner

As above, keep all required PPE on as you work and this will ensure you are not penalised.