





# PRACTICE AND PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Roof Slating and Tiling

### **Interpret drawings**

Spend time studying your drawing and instructions before setting out. Some required dimensions and information will also be on the competition briefing. If you have any questions about the provided documents, ask questions during the Judges Briefing.

## PPE - Use Personal Protective Equipment appropriately

You will be required to wear glasses when cutting tiles. Steel toe cap boots must be worn at all times. Gloves must be worn during any mortar contact or work. Practice using full PPE. Ask for any specific PPE requirements at the Judges Briefing

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

Work through your processes in your head and along with your tutor check the materials list and ensure that you have everything you need and that it is in good working condition. Your toolkit is YOUR responsibility. Check that you can clearly see the markings on your tape or ruler. Check that you have pencils or marker pens and they are fit for purpose. Check that you have spare knife blades, and/or your scissors are sharp. Check that your chalk line is topped up. Check that your saw is sharp and fit for purpose. Check that your tile nibbler blades are cutting neatly. Empty your nail pocket prior to starting so that you only use the provided fixings to avoid being penalised. Putting your tool kit together correctly will save you time during the competition.

#### **Accuracy**

Accuracy is essential in setting out and marking. Practice fitting underlay with the correct laps. Check your work. Practice fixing battens to a set gauge and check your work. A large percentage of the marks will be awarded to setting out correctly and accurately. Practice cutting plain tiles neatly with nibbler or scribe and pincers. Practice tiling to a valley, ensure you can keep a straight cut valley line. Ensure straight perpendicular lines when striking out and tiling. Practice bedding and pointing ridges, that your joints and bed are the correct size and your pointing is neat. Remember cleaning tiles is only with dry brushes and dry cloths - no water.

## 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. Clean your work area on a regular basis.

## Work in a safe manner

As above, try to keep all required PPE on as you work and this will ensure you are not penalised. Care should also be taken not to endanger those working close by on what may be an adjoining rig.