

# CONSTRUCTION IN DURHAM REGION

## WHO IS INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION?

The construction sector includes all the different businesses, tradespeople and workers needed to construct or renovate homes and other kinds of buildings.

It also includes the work involved in developing the subdivisions and neighbourhoods where people live.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CONSTRUCTION IN DURHAM REGION?

The construction industry is one of the top five job sectors in Durham Region, with projects on the go to expand public transit, build roads, supply power, and construct houses, stores, factories and schools. Big developments like Durham Live, an entertainment district being built in Pickering, are creating close to 10,000 construction jobs in the region.

## WHAT KINDS OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE IN CONSTRUCTION?

Construction jobs can include General Labourer, Brick and Stone Mason, Crane Operator, Heavy Equipment Operator, Electrician, Flooring Installer, Construction Craft Worker, Steamfitter, Plumber and dozens more.



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## WHERE CAN I TRAIN FOR A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION?

Contact the Literacy Network of Durham Region to learn about free programs where you can upgrade your skills and work towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or General Educational Development (GED) certificate.

When you are ready for further education, Durham College has shop labs, classrooms and training spaces to help you train for your future career.

## WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Another way to train for a career in construction is by becoming an apprentice. Apprentices spend roughly 80% of their time learning on the job, mentored by an experienced and certified worker (called a journeyman). The remaining 20% of their time is spent in a college-level classroom.

There are 43 different skilled trades in the construction sector. Some of these trades (like plumbers and electricians) require that workers complete an apprenticeship and be fully certified as journeymen. Other trades (like roofers and general carpenters) have the option to become fully certified, but it is not required.

There is a need for more fully-certified journeymen in construction, particularly with Red Seal qualifications that are recognized across Canada.

