



Roof Tiler

Description Roof tilers cover structures with roof tiles, slates or shingles to form waterproof surfaces

Job prospects/Employment Opportunities

Many roofers are self-employed or work for small companies that supply and fix roofs. They are usually sub-contracted to the roofing manufacturers on a semi-permanent basis. Many roofers are directly employed by manufacturing companies. Roofers are also employed by state or local government bodies concerned with public works.

The job prospects for roofers are reasonable, due mainly to high labour turnover. An increase in the use of steel roofing materials may improve prospects in some states.

- Typical duties**
- Look at drawings, specifications and work sites to determine materials required
 - Assess risks
 - Erect ladders and tile elevators
 - Erect and dismantle restricted height scaffolding
 - Place roofing underlays over eaves and secure by nailing or stapling to roofs
 - Correctly space and nail wooden strips called battens across the roof rafters on which the tiles or other roofing material will be placed
 - Lay aluminium, steel or clay tiles, stone slates, wooden shingles or steel sheeting
 - Install metal gutters, downpipes and other rainwater products
 - Overlap successive layers of tiles and measure and cut roofing material to fit around vents, chimney edges, and the hips and valleys of the roof
 - Fix roof flashings (weatherproof covering)
 - Fix the ridge caps and gable ends with cement mortar or tech screws
 - Handle waterproofing materials, tools and equipment
 - Apply protective paint coating systems
 - Clear the roof of debris when the job is finished

Personal requirements

- Enjoy practical and manual work
- Good sense of balance
- Good hand-eye coordination
- Willing to work at heights and outdoors.

Work Conditions

Roof tilers' work involves a lot of bending, climbing and lifting. They work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Entry pathway To become a roofer you usually have to complete an apprenticeship in Roof Tiling. Entry requirements may vary, but employers generally require Year 10.

Training is usually both on and off the job. The off-the-job training is provided through Registered Training Organisations, including TAFE. Ask your career adviser about the possibility of starting some of this training in school.

Some people may complete a pre-apprenticeship or pre-vocational course before entering an apprenticeship. If you are still at school, **doorways2construction™** is the best first step into this career. Ask your VET coordinator for more details.

Course or Training Package

- Certificate III in Roof Tiling

Specialisations

Roofers may specialise in tiling or installing new roofs, repairing existing roofs or removing old roofs and replacing them.

- Related Jobs**
- Bricklayer
 - Building Contractor
 - Floor Finisher and Coverer
 - Plumber

Further information

- CITB [www.citb.org.au]
- Construction Industry Skills Board [<http://www.constructionskills.com.au>]
- **doorways2construction™** [<http://www.doorways2construction.org.au/>]
- Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) [<http://www.cfmeu.asn.au/construction/states/sa/>]
- Housing Industry Association [<http://hia.com.au/hia/region/SA.aspx>]
- Master Builder's Association [<http://www.mbas.com.au/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=MBASA/ccms.r>]
- Big Plans [www.bigplans.com.au/]
- Be Constructive [www.beconstructive.com.au/]