

Groundworker

Level: 2

Duration: 21 months

Groundworkers are the first trade on a construction site, preparing the land for building by installing drainage, foundations, and paving.

Apprenticeship overview

Core skills, knowledge and behaviours you will learn

- Setting out of sites and interpreting plans
- Excavation and sub-base preparation
- Installation of drainage and service ducts
- How to lay kerbs, flags, and block paving
- Operation of basic plant machinery and hand tools

In addition to the core content, you will choose one option from:

- Advanced Site Carpenter
- Advanced Architectural Joiner

Where you might work

- Civil engineering projects
- New-build housing estates
- Roadworks and infrastructure projects
- Landscaping companies

Typical job roles

- Groundworker
- Drainage Assistant
- Paviour



Good to know

The work is physically intensive and involves heavy lifting

You are the “pioneer” on site, often working in muddy or rough-ground conditions

Safety is paramount due to the use of heavy machinery and deep trenches



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