

TRADES HELPER

Nature of work

The principal and customary work of the employee in this employment class consists in helping qualified workmen in the particular fields of carpentry, painting, masonry, electricity and plumbing.

Required qualifications

No specific qualifications are required.

Some characteristic duties

The employee in this employment class performs various tasks to help qualified workmen by preparing and handling heavy material and objects, setting up and dismantling scaffoldings, holding parts in a specified position, cleaning and providing the necessary tools, preparing surfaces, cleaning, if needed, the places where the tradesmen work.

For example, as a helper to the carpenter, he carries out duties such as cleaning, gluing, sanding and polishing furniture, surfaces and carpentry pieces.

Also, in the field of masonry, he prepares mortar, plaster and other similar material or coatings and surfaces to be repainted.

As a helper to the painter, he prepares surfaces to be painted and may be called upon to apply basic coatings.

As a helper to the electrician, he drills holes in the walls, ceilings and floors; he runs wires and installs connection boxes; he helps in laying cables as well as in the installation and repair of wall plugs and switches; he splices and puts brackets on the wires.

If need be, he performs any other related tasks.