

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL**

PLASTERER

Position Code: K7155

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

Under general supervision, performs as journeyman by mixing plaster and applying coats to interior walls, ceilings and building partitions, to produce finished surfaces, using hand tools and portable power tools; may direct workers to mix plaster to desired consistency and to erect scaffolds; installs and repairs interior and exterior insulation systems, fire proofing and refraction work to steel beams, columns, metal decks and vessels.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Applies coats of plaster to interior walls, ceilings and building partitions, to produce finished surfaces, using hand tools and portable power tools; spreads plaster over lath or masonry base, using trowel, and smoothes plaster with darby and float to attain uniform thickness.
2. Applies scratch, brown, or finish coats of plaster to wood, metal, and board lath consecutively.
3. Tapes and points joints and nail holes on wallboard or drywall; patches and repairs plaster in preparation to painting; roughens undercoat with scratcher (wire or metal scraper) to provide bond for succeeding coats of plaster.
4. Creates decorative textures in finish coats by marking surface of coat with brush and trowel or by spattering with pebbles; may mould and/or install precast ornamental plaster pieces into place on wall or ceiling;
5. Orders materials, installs and repairs all interior and exterior insulation systems, including foam systems, bead boards, outsulation, ultralation, lead abatement, encapsulation and, fire proofing and refraction work to steel beams, columns, metal decks and vessels.
6. May direct workers to mix plaster to desired consistency and to erect scaffolds.
7. May install lathing; may mix mortar; may install guide wires on exterior surface of buildings to indicate thickness of plaster to be applied; may apply plaster with spray gun; may perform maintenance work associated with trade.
8. Performs other duties as required or assigned within the scope of the class.

PLASTERER (Continued)

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to the completion of high school and a four (4) year apprentice program necessary to qualify as a journeyman plasterer.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires thorough knowledge of the uses of plaster, estimating materials and costs, and casting ornamental plaster designs.

Requires thorough knowledge of lath bases, plaster mixes, methods of plastering, blueprint reading and safety.

Requires skill in the use of various tools of the trade, including hand and powered trowels, floats, brushes, straightedges, power tools, plaster mixing machines, and piston type pumps.

Requires the ability to perform the physical functions and tasks associated with a journeyman plasterer.

Requires the ability to follow oral and/or written instructions.

Requires the ability to direct workers.

Requires willingness to travel and possession of a valid Illinois driver's license.

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