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Work in ...

DRYWALL INSTALLER

QUICK FACTS

- There are three different type of jobs involved in drywall installation:
 - Insulation and Poly Applicators.
 - Boarders.
 - Tapers.
- Drywall tapers are required most often.
- Full time employment is available.
- Piecework rates (by board footage and corner bead line footage rates) are available.



NATURE OF WORK

- Measuring and cutting drywall sheets.
- Positioning and securing drywall sheets to walls and ceilings.
- Taping over joints with tape and compound.
- Cleaning and preparing surfaces.
- Mixing plaster ingredients to desired consistency.
- Applying level smooth coats of plaster.
- Finishing corners and angles.

- Spraying texture materials over ceilings.
- Filling in joints, nail indentations, holes and cracks.
- Sanding seams and joints.
- Erecting and taking down scaffolding.
- Planning and organizing jobs and tasks.
- Repetitive lifting, moving, bending, and pushing.
- A lot of standing and walking throughout the day.
- Work is mainly in new residential construction locations.
- Transportation is required to get to and from work.
- Work schedules are full-time and year-round.
- The wage for a drywall installer in southeastern Alberta ranges between \$23.00 to \$25.00 per hour.
- Piecework rates per board footage are available. Inquire with employer.
- For additional information, visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca (NOC#7284).

WHAT EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR

- Ability to read and write in English.
- Three to five years' on-the-job experience.
- Knowledge and experience with taping, filling, sanding and texturing.
- Ability to use taping, painting and texture machines.
- Good communication skills.
- Ability to plan the job tasks and make decisions pertaining to the job.
- Good organizational skills.
- Good hand and eye coordination.
- Ability to work overhead for long periods of time (for ceiling work).

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RELATED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- If individuals show an interest in the field, the employer may provide training.
- On-the-job training is provided (individuals with 3-5 years of experience should not require training).
- Apprenticeship opportunities are available.
- The Medicine Hat College offers a drywall installation apprenticeship program called Lather-Interior Systems Mechanic (www.mhc.ab.ca).
- Check local area high schools for information on the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) or similar programs that may be available to high school students.
- For more information, visit the Alberta Advanced Education Apprenticeship and Industry Training office located in the Medicine Hat Provincial Building or visit their website at www.tradesecrets.org.
- Visit the **Corporate Education Network** for additional training opportunities specifically in Southeast Alberta (www.cenetwork.ca).

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- All-Ways Stucco & Drywall, Brooks
- BD Blesher Drywall, Medicine Hat
- Bice & Sons Drywall / Stucco Services Ltd., Medicine Hat
- Crescent Drywall, Brooks
- Everett's Drywall, Medicine Hat
- Gas City Drywall & Acoustic Ceilings Ltd., Brooks & Medicine Hat
- Gyp-Tec Drywall, Medicine Hat
- J & S Drywall Service Ltd., Medicine Hat
- Jake's Drywall, Medicine Hat
- Patterson Bros. Drywall (1991) Ltd., Medicine Hat
- Top Coat Drywall, Medicine Hat

OPPORTUNITIES & ADVANCEMENTS

- Experience, good quality workmanship, and good communication skills may provide opportunities to advance to a position as a Job Site Foreman.

HOW TO APPLY

- Hiring procedures vary depending on the employer. Generally, job seekers are to submit a resume or complete a company application form.
- Apply in person, by email, mail or by fax directly to the company office.
- In some cases, a company application form may be available on-line at the company website.
- An individual interview may follow.
- Check www.jobbank.gc.ca for current job listings in Southeast Alberta.