



What is a

Painter and Decorator?

A painter and decorator applies paint, varnish, wallpaper and other finishes to protect, maintain and decorate interior and exterior surfaces of domestic, commercial and industrial buildings.

What does the job involve?

- **Work out** the quantity of materials needed for the job by taking surface measurements or by looking at the job specifications or drawing.
- **Place** drop sheets to protect areas from paint spattering.
- **Remove** old paint or paper by sanding, scraping etc. and using steam strippers to remove wallpaper.
- **Prepare** surfaces by fixing woodwork, filling and sealing holes, cracks and joins.
- **Select or prepare** paints to match colours by the addition of tinters.
- **Brush, roll or spray** the paints, stains, varnishes and other finishes.

How do I get into this career?

The most common pathway is via an apprenticeship. However, a painter and decorator can start as a trade assistant or labourer, then, after a few years, have their skills assessed through a process called Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to obtain a trade qualification.

What training should I do?



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