

PAINTERS

Painters apply paint, stain, varnish and other finishes to buildings and other structures. They choose the right paint or finish for the surface to be covered, taking into account customers' wishes, durability, ease of handling, and method of application. They first prepare the surfaces to be covered so the paint will adhere properly. This may require removing the old coat by stripping, sanding, wire brushing, burning or water and abrasive blasting. Painters also wash walls and trim to remove dirt and grease, fill nail holes and cracks, sandpaper rough spots and brush off dust. On new surfaces, they apply a primer or sealer to prepare them for the finish coat. Painters also mix paints and match colors, relying on knowledge of paint composition and color harmony. Paperhangers cover walls and ceilings with decorative wall coverings made of paper, vinyl or fabric. They first prepare the surface to be covered by applying "sizing," which seals the surface and makes the covering stick better. When redecorating, they may first remove the old covering by soaking, steaming, or applying solvents. When necessary, they patch holes and take care of other imperfections before hanging the new wall covering.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM & REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a High School Diploma or equivalent, Driver's License, Birth Certificate and Social Security Card. Applicants must reside in the jurisdiction of District Council 58 and be able to pass a drug test. Applications are available on a year-round basis at the District Council Office between the hours of 9 am to 4 pm. After application is accepted by a contractor, they must return to the District Council with a 'Letter of Intent to Hire' stating the starting date of employment.

WAGE INFORMATION: Apprentices start at 50% of the wage scale and progress with class time and work hours every 6 months. Journeyman wages are \$31.55 hourly plus health care, 401k and pension benefits.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATORY CLASSES: Mathematics, Art, Drafting, and Communication Skill.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Painters work both inside and out. Their jobs also require a considerable amount of climbing and bending. They must have stamina because much of the work is done with their arms raised overhead. Painters often work outdoors, but seldom work in the rain but they may work in the cold, hot or in wet conditions. Painters and paperhangers risk injury from slips or falls off ladders and scaffolds. They work with materials that can be hazardous to your health if the proper protective equipment is not worn.

ABILITIES: Must be able to work at high levels with ladders and scaffolds; and must be able to lift at least 100 pounds.

WAGE + BENEFITS	1 ST YR APPR.
\$31.95 + \$20.10	50 % of wage

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