

# Metal Worker



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## Description

Metal workers produce and install all the metallic parts in buildings such as: window-frames, doors, stairs, stair banisters, balconies, canopies, bridges etc. Some of the work is prefabricated in the workshop and then taken to the building site for installation. They carry out all the preparatory work on the metal, build the parts into the completed construction and then install it. They have many tools and machines to help them in their work, but fitness and good health are very important in carrying out this demanding work.– Sheet metal workers work with thin sheets of metal meant for light products whereas platers work with heavy metal plates. They do not only work in their workshops but also outdoors on site. They must be very safety conscious to protect their head, eyes, ears, feet and hands with special safety devices.

## Requirements

The minimum qualification at 16 or 17 is a good general education.

Good (colour) vision and sense of touch to see any faults in the metal to be worked. An ability to imagine a 3-dimensional article resulting from a flat plate, pleasure in working with metal and constructing are important as well as a good physical constitution and a head for heights.

Usually a successful applicant for this work would have 3 or more GCSEs/S grades or GNVQ/GSVQs.

## Education

Supervisor, instructor, machine operator, inspector, technician, engineer

## Opportunities

Advanced Modern Apprenticeship: First 1 year off-the-job training in engineering workshop skills and then training on-the-job, up to 3 years.

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For further information, see your local career guidance centre and your career advisor.