

CLASS TITLE: **Lather**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, performs skilled lathing work, creating and installing support backings of metal or wood lath on which plaster or other gypsum materials are applied; and performs related duties as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Reads blueprints, specifications and work orders to assess existing structures and work required, and to determine work layout for job completion; ensures adequate supplies of tools, equipment and materials needed to complete jobs are at work sites; builds frameworks or furring and fastens securely to framing for interior and exterior walls, ceilings and building partitions; uses power and hand tools to create and install support backings of wood or metal lath or light iron resembling wire netting on which plaster or other materials are applied, and attaches to furring; cuts openings in lath for heating and ventilation piping, duct work and electrical outlets; installs corner beads and wire mesh around beams to which plaster is applied; installs solid or perforated gypsum board on ceilings or walls; installs acoustical tile, hangers for suspended ceilings or metal studs for composition wallboard or lath; maintains records of materials used; prepares work activity reports.

RELATED DUTIES: Loads, transports and unloads equipment and supplies; cleans tools and work site after repairs; may assist in the application of plaster to laths.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. Successful completion of a US Department of Labor registered lathing apprenticeship training program and journeyman status, or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Good knowledge of the work methods and techniques of the lathing trade. Good knowledge of safety practices and procedures. Good knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials of the lathing trade.

Ability to read and interpret blueprints and specifications. Physical ability to use the tools and equipment of the trade. Ability to access work areas located above or below ground level. Ability to prepare work activity reports.

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Skill in assembling and installing metal or wood frameworks. Skill in the use of tools and equipment of the lathing trade. Basic math skills. Basic oral and written communication skills.

Physical Requirements. Ability to lift and carry supplies, materials and tools weighing up to 30 pounds frequently and up to 75 pounds occasionally.

Working Conditions. Unavoidable exposure to inclement weather and extreme temperatures.

Equipment. Standard tools and equipment of the trade including steel squares, levels and wire cutters, and various power tools such as screw guns and saws.

NOTE: While the list of essential duties is intended to be as inclusive as possible, there may be other duties which are essential to particular positions within the class.

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