

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title

Carpet Installation – ‘*Covering your future*’

Job description:

- Floor preparation
- Putting down smooth edge to secure product to floor
- Applying underlay, followed by carpet.

A variety of products used and could be one room in a house to a whole house, or a commercial site.

Qualifications required

- * No age restrictions
- * Basic entry level maths and English is required
- * A focus on technology subjects, i.e. woodwork, is advantageous
- * Have, or be working towards, a drivers licence

Training costs

There is a block course fee for each year of their apprenticeship to attend Flooring School in Christchurch. These courses are heavily funded by the ITO, but the apprentice is required to pay a portion of the fees. This ranges from \$350 - \$800 depending whether it's a first, second or third stage course, and which aspect of flooring they are training in, i.e. carpet/vinyl, timber flooring.

Location of job

Indoors – both domestic and commercial sites. Huge variety, location changes constantly.

Career path

- * Three year apprenticeship training
- * Post qualification experience
- * Can branch into a variety of roles within the industry as below

Salary range

Entry level to senior trades-person = \$24,500 to \$75,000+ for salaried persons
\$60,000 to \$130,000 for self employed contractors

Other careers this profession could lead to

- * Self-employed contractor
- * Operating a team of installers within their own business
- * Product wholesaler/distributor
- * Retailing for a flooring company, customer service focus
- * Account Manager/selling roles in manufacturing companies
- * Management within a flooring company
- * Training roles within a company

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

Spend some time during school holidays working with a flooring company or flooring contractor.

An after school job working in a flooring warehouse may also create opportunities.

Other places to source information about this job:

Website – www.flooringito.org.nz

Regional Apprentice Co-ordinators – can look up local representative on the website

NZ Flooring ITO National Office – 0800-777-055

Any other relevant points:

- * Individuals get 'paid to learn' and it is 'on-the-job' training
- * A construction based environment suited to those who are practically minded and enjoy hands-on physical work
- * The flooring industry has a strong creative/design element
- * National Certificate in Flooring is recognised both nationally and internationally
- * Huge variety, no two days the same