

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title

Timber Flooring

Job description

- Floor preparation
- Applying moisture barriers
- Cutting and fitting timber, planks and blocks
- Sanding timber floors
- Applying poly-urethanes, oils and waxes.

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

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. These range from \$350 - \$800 dependent on whether its 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 your 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

www.flooringito.org.nz

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

NZ Flooring ITO National Office – 0800-777-055

You might be interested to know

- * 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
- * This job offers huge variety, no two days are the same