Construction Operative Job Description

Construction workers, also known as ground workers or workers, working closely with skilled trade people on construction sites as part of a team or a 'gang'.

As an agent, working on construction projects ranging from new housing developments for the construction of roads. At the beginning of a job, help to prepare the sites, the placement of site huts and fences, unloading and storage of building materials and building stairs, safety rails and scaffolding.

Once work starts, tasks may include:

· Plant Work - signaling and shallow trenching for foundations and drainage

· Form of work - putting up and dismantling of concrete formwork holding snaps into place

· Steel Fixing - bending and fixing of bars used to reinforce concrete structures

· Steel accumulation - fixing steel plates to form temporary retaining walls for excavation

Concreting · - layers and smoothing concrete foundations, floors and beams

· Route of work - concreting, laying curbs, paving and return to the surface (see the profile of road worker).

Key Skills

· Good fitness levels

· A basic knowledge of building methods and materials

· Good practical skills

· The ability to follow written and spoken instructions

· A good head for heights

· Good team working skills

· An understanding of on-site health and safety, environmental issues and respect for others