

CAREER PROFILES

Concrete Finishers:

Concrete Finishers smooth and finish freshly poured concrete, apply curing or surface treatments and install, maintain and restore various masonry structures such as foundations, floors, ceilings, sidewalks, roads, patios and high-rise buildings.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$56,000 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$31.99/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Detail oriented
- Team player
- Scaffolding
- Swing stages
- Blueprints
- Power trowels
- Power screeds
- Jointers
- Hoes
- Rakes
- Problem solving
- Tampers
- Mixing machines
- Scrapers
- Bull floats
- Screeds
- Trowels
- Critical thinking
- Continuous learning
- Edger
- Work ethic

Job Duties:

Concrete Finishers check formwork, granular base and steel reinforcement materials and direct placement of concrete into forms or onto surfaces according to grade and fill hollows and remove high spots to smooth freshly poured concrete. Concrete Finishers operate power vibrators to compact concrete and level top surface of concrete according to grade and depth specifications using straightedge or float. They impart desired finish to concrete surfaces using

hand and power tools and install anchor bolts, steel plates, door sills and other fixtures in freshly poured concrete. Concrete Finishers also apply hardening and sealing compounds to cure surface of concrete and waterproof, damp-proof and restore concrete surfaces. They also repair, resurface and replace worn or damaged sections of floors, walls, roads and other concrete structures.

Working Conditions:

Work takes place in an indoor environment where temperatures may vary. Work also takes place outdoors, so workers may be exposed to various weather conditions. Working with equipment, machinery or power/hand tools may be a source of injury. Workers may risk injury while working dangerous locations such as construction sites. Work may involve heavy vibrations and airborne particles, such as sand and dust.

Career Pathways:

The Red Seal endorsement allows for interprovincial mobility. Progression to supervisory positions is possible with experience.

Concrete Finishers are employed by construction companies, cement and concrete contractors and manufacturers of precast concrete products, or they may be self-employed. Below are potential career pathways for Concrete Finishers:

- Concrete Finisher
- Precast Concrete Finisher
- Concrete Mason
- Cement Mason
- Cement Finisher Apprentice

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEexplore](#).

Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a concrete finisher, you can begin your apprenticeship or attend a local training/education program.

Apprenticeship Details:

Cement (concrete) Finisher

- Certification: Voluntary (not required to practice this profession in Ontario)
- Red Seal: Yes
- On-the-job training: 4,500 hours

- In-class training: 480 hours

Individuals interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway, should follow these steps:

- 1) Get hired – by an employer/sponsor/union
- 2) Apply online to register as an apprentice at www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship
- 3) Sign a training agreement with your employer/sponsor and the Employment Ontario apprenticeship office.
- 4) Become a Member of the Ontario College of Trades Apprentices Class at www.collegeoftrades.ca/membership
- 5) Keep a record of the hours you work
- 6) Achieve the competencies listed in your training standard if required in your trade
- 7) Complete all of the training requirements in your trade and you will receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship (CoA).
- 8) Write the Exam for the Certificate of Qualification if required in your trade

If you are currently in high school and would like to begin an apprenticeship, visit oyap.com for more information about the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Individuals unsure about whether to pursue an apprenticeship or not, can learn more by visiting www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship.

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