

## CAREER PROFILES

### Floor Covering Installers:

**Floor Covering Installers** install carpet, wood, linoleum, vinyl, and other resilient floor coverings in residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings.

### Wage/Salary Information:

\$37,600 is the median annual salary found in provincial job-postings.

\$20.97/hour is the median wage reported locally.

### Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Blueprint reading
- Teamwork
- Detail oriented
- Oral and written communication
- Self-motivated
- Work independently
- Manual dexterity

### Job Duties:

Floor Covering Installers inspect, measure, and mark surfaces to be covered, and measure, cut, and fasten underlay and underpadding. Floor Covering Installers measure, cut, and install carpeting using a hand or machine stitcher, seaming iron, bonding tape, or other bonding materials. They stretch carpeting using knee-kickers or power stretchers and secure carpeting to floors or other surfaces using staple guns or other devices and measure, cut, and install resilient floor covering using adhesive, rollers, and other hand tools. Floor Covering Installers also install hardwood floors, such as strip floors, block floors, or plank floors, using glue, staples, nails, or other means and inspect and repair damaged floor coverings.

### Working Conditions:

Workers in this occupation typically work indoors. However, some tiling may also be done outdoors (i.e., patios, balconies, steps and swimming areas).

Floor covering installers typically work a standard 40-hour workweek. Some overtime may also be required. Work is mostly done during the day, however, some evening work may be required.

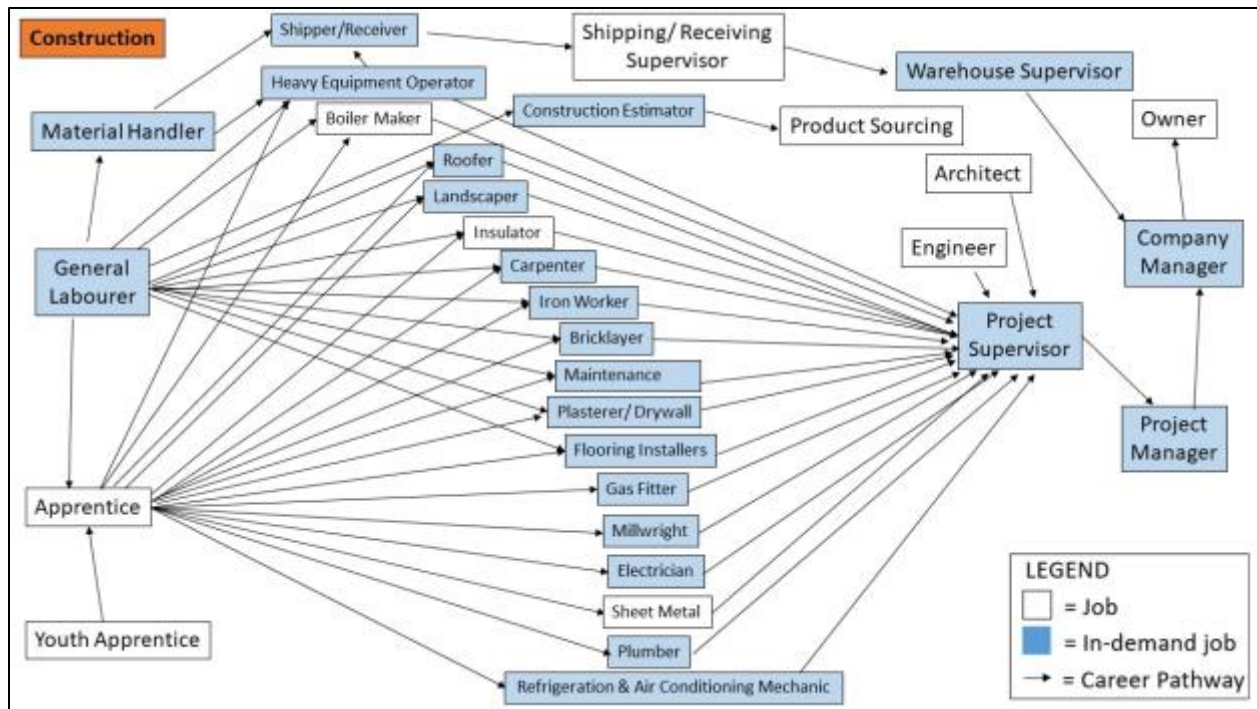
Workers in this occupation must be able to kneel for extensive periods of time. They must also be able to lift carpet rolls and boxes of tiles. Risks associated with this profession include knee injuries from kneeling and back injuries from lifting heavy materials.

### Career Pathways:

The specific type of Flooring Covering Installer an individual can become is usually based on their training in the field. There are many different types of floor coverings, such as hardwood, carpet, linoleum, and vinyl, for example. Flooring Covering Installers who wish to be able to install various types of floors must have the experience to do so. A Red Seal certification allows for interprovincial mobility and progression to supervisory positions is possible with experience.

Floor Covering Installers are employed by construction companies, floor-covering contractors, and carpet outlets, or they may be self-employed. Below are potential career paths for Floor Covering Installers:

- Carpet Layer
- Floor Covering Installer Apprentice
- Floor Covering Mechanic
- Hardwood Floor Layer
- Linoleum Floor Installer
- Residential Floor and Wall Covering Installer
- Resilient Floor Installer
- Rug Layer
- Vinyl Floor Installer
- Vinyl Tile Layer



## Education and Training Pathways:

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

### Apprenticeship Details:

#### Floor Covering Installer

- Certification: Voluntary (not required to practice this profession in Ontario)
- Red Seal: Yes
- Training: 6,000 hours of combined on-the-job and in-class technical training
- In-class training: Two 10-week technical sessions

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship).

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