

3.2.2 TRADES HELPER

Nature of the work

The principal and customary work of an employee in this class of employment consists in helping qualified workmen particularly in the fields of carpentry, painting, masonry, electricity and plumbing.

Characteristic functions

The employee in this class of employment performs various tasks to help qualified workmen by preparing and handling heavy materials and objects, setting up and dismantling scaffolding, holding parts in place, cleaning and providing the necessary tools, preparing surfaces and cleaning the areas where the tradesman works, as needed.

For example, as a carpenter's helper, he or she carries out duties, such as cleaning, gluing, sanding and polishing furniture, surfaces and carpentry pieces.

Similarly, in the field of masonry, he or she prepares mortar, plaster and other similar binders or coatings as well as the surfaces to be repainted.

As a painter's helper, he or she prepares surfaces to be painted and may apply the primer.

As an electrician's helper, he or she makes holes in walls, ceilings and floors; runs wires and installs connection boxes; helps in laying cables and in installing and repairing wall plugs and switches; splices and puts brackets on the wires.

As a pipe fitter's helper, he or she cuts and installs pipes; drills holes in walls and floors; digs out the soil; carries out a variety of tasks related to the installation of heating and insulating materials.

If need be, he or she performs any other related duty.

Required qualifications

No specific qualifications are required.