

The Construction Programme

Do you want to work with your hands?

Do you want to have a job which has a long craftsman tradition?

Do you want to work together with others, but as a specialist in your trade?

Do you want to apply for a job directly after upper-secondary school, but still have the possibility to study further?

Do you want to work or study abroad?

If so, then the Construction Programme may just be something for you.

In the Construction Programme you learn the basics in many different professions which build on a long craftsman tradition. At the same time you train within a type of business undergoing change. You learn to take into consideration that our environment is an important part of the training. Building and construction often involve teamwork. You can choose to specialise in a certain field and become really good at something you think is fun, but you can also learn to work together and gain an understanding of the entire construction process.

The construction branch is international. With language skills and with an understanding for and interest in other cultures, you have a good possibility to work or study abroad after your time on the Construction Programme.

Working or studying further

If you choose the Construction Programme you can apply for a job directly after upper-secondary school. The job you can apply for depends on the course of study you have chosen. You usually first become an apprentice for a year or longer. You receive an apprentice salary and get to go along with those working in the industry, in order to learn from them. They have special skills and have worked within your trade for a long time.

If you want you can also study further after secondary school. You can choose an education within a Technical University or study at University.

Possible Jobs

Once you have studied on the Construction Programme you can, for example, apply for a job working with bedrock or as a construction worker, road worker, concrete worker, building or ventilation pipe worker, real estate planner, glass worker, floor-layer, hole-puncher, mason, painter, tiler, stonefitter, scaffolding builder, carpenter, ceiling fitter, roofer or building material salesperson.

Programme contents

The Construction Programme is comprised of a number of courses. Certain courses are obligatory for everyone who studies at secondary school. Other courses are specific for the Construction Programme. You get to choose some of the other courses yourself.

The programme has four national branches. This means that everyone in the whole country who studies on the Construction Programme can choose them. At certain places there can be several courses of studies which may suit you perfectly. Ask your careers officer!

The national branches:

- construction – for those of you who want to work with, for example, roads, railroads, bridges, sewers, parks or town squares
- house construction – for those of you who want to be a specialist in wood, concrete or masonry, or in a special trade
- painting – for those of you who want to work with architectural painting, both interior and exterior, or have a special interest within painting
- sheet-metal works – for those of you who want to learn the basics in sheet-metal works and later choose to learn construction sheet-metal works or ventilation sheet-metal works.

Contact with working life

In the Construction Programme you start your contact with the professional world in upper-secondary school. You have at least 15 weeks of internship training (APU). Your APU is organised by your school in collaboration with different companies and work sites where you live. You can get into contact with both self-employed persons and big construction companies found in many countries. It is a good way to gather contacts which you can use when you apply for a job. If you are interested in doing your APU in a country other than Sweden, this can be arranged.

Jobs and the future

Over the past few years there has been a great need for personnel within the entire construction industry. Trained builders will also be needed in the future. There is more and more construction in Sweden, but not in the entire country, just in the big cities. Therefore you must be prepared to move or commute to a job elsewhere. The construction industry is sensitive to changes in the market. It is therefore difficult to say if it will be easy or difficult for you to get a job when you have finished the Construction Programme.