

Gold Coast TAFE Bricklaying course provides the foundations to a solid future

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) has announced it is delivering 'flexible' bricklaying and blocklaying training to those who wish to work within the construction industry.

If you enjoy working with your hands and gaining the satisfaction from building with clay and concrete masonry the Certificate III in Bricklaying and Blocklaying is the right course for you.

GCIT Chief Executive Officer, Aaron Devine said the Institute has established an impressive team of leading trainers from the construction industry and the flexible on-the-job training and assessment being offered places GCIT as a great option for employers and prospective students.

"Our Bricklaying and Blocklaying trainer holds extensive real life experience and has owned and operated his own business, remaining licensed and active in the industry.

"Apprentices will learn everything they need for their trade including how to read and interpret plans and specifications and how to handle and prepare bricklaying and blocklaying materials and use the relevant tools and equipment".

"They will work with clay and concrete masonry and other types of building materials in mortar on veneer and full brick constructions, partitions, arches and other structures".

"A typical day for a Bricklayer or Blocklayer includes a variety of duties from the initial stages of working from plans and specifications to setting out and laying bricks".

"They will also learn how to construct fireplaces and ornamental brickwork structures".

"One of the new benefits with this apprenticeship is that it is delivered on-site which offers far greater flexibility for the employer and apprentice," he said. Every one of our students' training plans is tied in with real life projects on the worksite," he said.

Mr Devine said there are generous incentives for employers to take on bricklaying apprentices over and above existing funding available to employers who take on an apprentice in other trades via the Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Fund.

"This Fund can also help those who have experience in the industry but do not have a qualification by funding up to 100% of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

"Through the RPL process Gold Coasters' skills, knowledge and experience can lead to a nationally recognised qualification.

"The entry requirement for the Certificate III in Bricklaying and Blocklaying is Year 10 or equivalent and applicants must be a minimum of 15 years of age," he said.

For further information please call (07) 5581 8300 or visit www.gcit.edu.au.

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