

CAREER

# PAINTER

Painters are the colour magicians! They apply paint and other finishes to surfaces, transforming spaces with their creativity and attention to detail. With their knowledge of painting techniques and materials, they create beautiful and durable finishes.

## WHAT DOES THIS JOB INVOLVE?

### Surface preparation

Cleaning, sanding, and priming surfaces

### Paint application

Applying paint using brushes, rollers, or sprayers

### Colour mixing

Preparing and blending paint colours as needed

### Finishing touches

Ensuring smooth, even coats and finishing details

### Safety measures

Following safety protocols for handling paint and chemicals

### Surface inspection

Examining surfaces for imperfections and touch-ups

### Material handling

Storing and handling paint and equipment

### Client satisfaction

Meeting client expectations for aesthetics and quality

## HOW DO I GET INTO THIS CAREER?

The most common pathway is via an apprenticeship. It is highly recommended to seek work experience or reach out to businesses seeking apprentices. A painter can also start as a trade assistant or labourer, gaining experience which may count towards a qualification in the future.

## SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Low \$40,600

Median \$69,500

High \$101,300

## RECOMMENDED TRAINING

CERTIFICATE I IN CONSTRUCTION

PRE-TRADE PROGRAM INCLUDING WORK EXPERIENCE

CERTIFICATE III IN PAINTER AND DECORATING (APPRENTICESHIP)