CLASS TITLE: Plasterer

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, performs skilled plastering work, applying plaster to interior walls and ceilings and plaster veneer over drywall in connection with repair or remodeling work projects in municipal facilities; and performs related duties as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Reads blueprints and work orders to assess existing structures and work required, and to determine work layout for job completion; ensures adequate supplies of tools, equipment and materials needed to complete jobs are at work sites; applies various coats of plaster including a preparatory or scratch coat, brown coat and a finish or white coat to produce finished surfaces; prepares and mixes plaster to desired consistency; spreads plaster over metal and wood laths or masonry base using a trowel; smooths plaster with darby and float to attain uniform thickness and an even, level surface; roughens undercoat with metal or wire scraper to provide bond for succeeding coats of plaster; applies finish coat to produce a smooth and durable finish; applies plaster veneer over drywall to create smooth or textured abrasion-resistant finishes; uses hand and power tools of the trade such as trowels, brushes and plaster mixing machines; erects scaffolds to access work areas; prepares work activity reports.

RELATED DUTIES: Directs helpers in mixing and spreading plaster, cleaning tools and work sites and setting up and dismantling scaffolds; loads, transports and unloads equipment and supplies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. Successful completion of a US Department of Labor registered plastering apprenticeship training program and journeyman status, or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Good knowledge of the work methods and techniques of the plastering trade. Good knowledge of safety practices and procedures. Good knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials of the plastering trade.

Ability to read and interpret blueprints. Physical ability to use the tools and equipment of the trade. Ability to access work areas located above or below ground level. Ability to prepare work activity reports.
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Skill in preparing, mixing and spreading plaster to create even, level and smooth surfaces. Skill in the use of tools and equipment of the plastering trade. Basic math skills. Basic oral and written communication skills.

Physical Requirements. Ability to lift and carry supplies, materials and tools weighing up to 30 pounds frequently and up to 75 pounds occasionally.

Working Conditions. Unavoidable exposure to fumes, dust or noise and abnormal temperatures indoors.

Equipment. Standard tools and equipment of the trade including hand and powered trowels, hawks, floats, brushes and power tools.

NOTE: While the list of essential duties is intended to be as inclusive as possible, there may be other duties which are essential to particular positions within the class.

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