



Traditional Metal Roofing, The Highcross Bell Tower

ROOFING

AN AI-PROOF SKILLSET

Whether you prefer hands-on traditional craft or working with cutting-edge materials and technologies, it's likely there's a roofing career that fits your skills and interests. There's also estimating, health and safety, manufacturing, and lots of other roles to explore. With the growth of AI, many jobs are being considered replaceable. But roofing will stand the test of time, because AI can't build a roof!

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Heritage Roofing, Auchendennan House

***UNCAPPED* POTENTIAL**

The UK roofing industry is worth an estimated £7.2 billion per year. Every new building in the world needs a roof, and every existing roof requires some form of maintenance. This means there is uncapped potential to succeed and develop a career in roofing.

Roofing contractors are in high demand. In the UK alone we need an additional 500,000 professionals to meet the current construction demands.

A career in roofing opens doors to unlimited earning potential and progression. Whether you want to work for a business or run your own, there's a path for you.



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TYPES OF ROOFING

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There's so much more to roofing than what you see on your home. There are many different roofing disciplines, and every building will need some form of roofing.

Roofing could see you working on historic buildings, hospitals, schools, football stadiums, music arenas, and every building you pass on your local high street or city centre. There's even green roofing, where whole ecosystems live!

If you've got the desire to learn and develop yourself professionally, you could be working on projects worth millions of pounds.



Cold Applied Liquid Waterproofing, Center Parcs

ROOFING DISCIPLINES

Roof Slating and Tiling – from traditional clay and slate roofs to modern concrete tiles.

Flat Roofing – using materials like bitumen, single-ply membranes, and liquid systems.

Lead and Hard Metal Work – crafting details that protect and decorate historic and contemporary roofs.

Sheeting and Cladding – installing metal roofs and façades on large industrial and commercial buildings.

Sustainable Roofing Systems – installing systems like solar PV, green roofs, where flowers and wildlife thrive, or blue roofs, which store then slowly release water.

You could become a master of your trade.



Sheeting & Cladding, Hill Dickinson Stadium

CAREER PROGRESSION

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Most roofing careers begin with an apprenticeship, which is a great way to earn while you learn. You can then go on to become a master of the trade or learn new disciplines.

You could even run your own business. There are many opportunities to upskill and retrain in roofing, and the more skills and knowledge you have means even more opportunity! If working on the tools isn't your thing, there's also roles in compliance, surveying, sales and marketing, HR, finance, and so much more.

In roofing, there's a job for everyone.



Green Roofing, Chester Zoo



Events, awards, competitions, and loads of recognition.



Young people are massively appreciated in roofing, and there's increasing demand for new entrants. Find out how we can help careers@nfrfc.co.uk