



**PRIORY APPRENTICESHIPS**

# Groundworker Level 2

## COURSE GUIDE

### Overview

Groundworkers are essential to the successful delivery of construction projects. They prepare sites, lay the foundations of new structures, install drainage systems and support the safe, efficient running of construction environments.

The Level 2 Groundworker apprenticeship develops the core practical skills, safety knowledge and technical competence needed to work confidently on a construction site. Learners build strong foundations in excavation, concreting, drainage, kerbing and site preparation — becoming safe, reliable and capable members of a groundworks team.

### About Priory Apprenticeships

Priory Apprenticeships delivers high-quality, industry-aligned training designed to build practical skills, safe working practices and workforce capability across the construction and technical sectors. Our programmes combine expert tutors, hands-on learning and strong employer partnerships to develop confident, competent colleagues who can contribute effectively from day one.

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# Why

## BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS

- Builds a competent, safety-conscious groundworks team
- Improves site productivity through trained, reliable workers
- Reduces risk through robust knowledge of safe working practices
- Supports long-term workforce development and succession planning
- Improves the consistency and quality of basic construction tasks
- Proven to increase staff retention and morale
- Highly cost-effective method to train colleagues, utilising Government & CITB funding

## BENEFITS FOR LEARNERS

- Develops essential construction and groundworks skills
- Builds confidence in site safety, drainage, concreting and kerbing
- Provides hands-on experience with real-world tasks and tools
- Leads to a nationally recognised Level 2 qualification
- Supports progression into skilled groundworker, plant operator or site operative roles

## How is the Programme Funded?

This programme is eligible for funding through the apprenticeship levy or Government Co-Investment. Employers may also be eligible for incentive payments from the Government for each learner on this course.

Course Value: £9000

Speak to us if you have any questions around programme funding.

## Requirements

### LEARNER

- Must be able to complete practical tasks and gather workplace evidence
- Should be committed to attending workshops and completing assessments
- Must have employer support to complete off-the-job training
- Must not already hold a qualification at the same or higher level in groundworks
- Must be able to carry out physical, practical tasks in varied outdoor environments

### EMPLOYER

- Must provide a suitable role that allows the learner to practice a range of relevant tasks
- Must allow active learning time (roughly 6 hours per week)
- Must support safe working practices and supervise apprentice development
- Should assign a line manager or mentor to support learner progress

# Typical Workshops

- 1 Health and Safety Principles**  
Learn essential health and safety rules, hazard awareness, safe systems of work and the behaviours required to work safely on any construction site.
- 2 Site Safety and Construction Theory**  
Explore key construction concepts, site roles and responsibilities, and how safe working practices underpin all groundworks operations.
- 3 Setting Out and Site Preparation**  
Develop skills in reading site plans, marking out areas, and preparing sites for groundwork activities.
- 4 Foundations of Concreting**  
Learn the basic principles of mixing, placing and finishing concrete to support structural foundations.
- 5 Foundations of Domestic Drainage and Ducting Systems**  
Understand the components and installation requirements for domestic drainage and ducting systems.
- 6 Core Principles in Brickwork**  
Gain experience in basic bricklaying techniques used in groundworks, including simple structures and supporting features.
- 7 Building Competence with Domestic Drainage and Ducting Systems**  
Develop the practical skills needed to install drainage and ducting systems accurately and safely.
- 8 Developing Competence with Concrete**  
Strengthen your practical concreting skills, including levelling, compacting and achieving a high-quality finish.
- 9 Foundations of Kerb Laying and Block Paving**  
Learn the principles of installing kerbs, edging and block paving used in paths, roads and landscaping.
- 10 Deepening Understanding of Concreting**  
Explore more advanced concreting tasks, reinforcing the precision and consistency needed for quality work

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- 11 Advanced Drainage and Ducting Systems**  
Build the skills required to work on more complex drainage and ducting installations used in varied environments.
- 12 Advanced Kerb Laying and Block Paving**  
Refine kerb laying and block paving techniques, focusing on accurate preparation, alignment and finish.
- 13 Groundworker in Action**  
Apply your skills in a realistic, task-based workshop simulating day-to-day work on a construction site.
- 14 Refining Practice**  
Develop accuracy, speed and consistency across a range of groundworks tasks through guided practice.
- 15 Real-World Readiness**  
Prepare for the workplace with a focus on professional behaviours, teamwork, efficiency and following site instructions effectively.

## How Long is the Programme?

The Groundworker programme is completed over 18 months, plus a 3 month assessment period.

## How Will You Be Assessed?

Learners will be assessed throughout their programme and will be required to complete an end of programme assessment. During the programme learners build a portfolio of evidence demonstrating their leadership skills, behaviours and application within their workplace.

The EPA includes:

- A Practical Assessment – completing a series of real-world groundworks tasks under assessment conditions.
- A Professional Discussion – a structured discussion with an independent assessor, based on the apprentice's portfolio and workplace experience.

## Get Started

### EMPLOYER

If you are an employer, you can nominate team members that you would like to complete this professional training. Scan the QR Code and complete the short form or get in touch via our contact information below.

### LEARNER

If you would like to enrol onto this programme yourself, speak to your line manager and they will support you. You can also reach out to us directly. Please note that we will need to contact your line manager to confirm you have support to complete the programme.



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