

## Job opportunities in the Construction industry

### Vocabulary

*Ex. 1. Complete the sentences with the following words:*

**hollow, shale, retaining, soffit, transmit, fiberboard, blueprints, entryway, hinged, beam, prone, bitumen, soundproofing, high-end, roller, miscellaneous, adverse, clay, bricklaying, civil**

\_\_\_\_(1) engineering is an important field of study. \_\_\_\_ (2) requires precision and skill.

\_\_\_\_(3) materials are often more expensive but have better quality.

The \_\_\_\_ (4) held up the ceiling of the room.

\_\_\_\_(5) effects of pollution are a major concern.

Please wait for me in the \_\_\_\_ (6).

We used \_\_\_\_ (7) for the walls of the garage.

Can you \_\_\_\_ (8) this message to your boss?

Our building is made with \_\_\_\_ (9) concrete blocks.

The \_\_\_\_ (10) wall helps prevent erosion.

\_\_\_\_ (11) is necessary for recording studios.

I closed the \_\_\_\_ (12) shutter to keep the cold air out.

The \_\_\_\_ (13) bearing allows the machine to work smoothly.

The \_\_\_\_ (14) show the layout of the house.

\_\_\_\_ (15) is used for road construction.

The store sells \_\_\_\_ (16) items.

The \_\_\_\_ (17) covers the underside of the roof overhang.

\_\_\_\_ (18) is a common material used for molding.

Cats are \_\_\_\_ (19) to knocking things off tables.

The rocks were formed from \_\_\_\_\_(20).

## **Grammar**

*Ex. 1. Rewrite the sentences so that the verbs will be in the passive voice.*

1. Ms Sullivan teaches us grammar.
2. The firemen took the injured to the hospital.
3. The fire damaged the building.
4. Police catch criminals.
5. John Mathews built this house in 1991.

*Ex.2. Choose the correct form of the verb.*

1. He stood (watching / watched) the match.
2. The girl (writing / written) on the blackboard is our best student.
3. Can you name the films (showing / shown) at the festival?
4. People (living / lived) in Moscow are called Muscovites.
5. The pictures (drawing / drawn) by Aivazovsky are fascinating.

## **Reading**

*Ex. 1. Read the text.*

### **How to Immigrate to the US as a Construction Worker**

The United States is a popular destination for foreign workers looking to achieve a higher standard of life. Thousands of immigrants travel to the US in the hope to achieve the American dream and a better lifestyle.

This is not limited to only skilled foreign workers. Millions of immigrant workers from all over the world come to the US for low-wage and semi-skilled jobs.

As a construction worker, you might feel that the options are limited. However, according to the most recent 2016 American Community Survey, the percentage of foreign workers in the construction industry in the US is rising steadily.

Immigrants account for almost 25% of the overall construction workforce and around 30% in the construction trades.

### **Who Is a Construction Worker in the US?**

The occupation of a construction worker is classified as Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code 47-000.

A construction worker is responsible for several on-site responsibilities including removing debris, erecting scaffolding, loading and unloading materials and operating and assisting heavy equipment.

In addition to the above, they are also responsible for preparing the construction site, materials and tools, loading and unloading tools, removing the garbage and dangerous material from the site, assembling and breaking down temporary structures and scaffolding and assisting different contractors.

### **Different occupations of a construction site are classified as:**

SOC 47-1000: Supervisors of Construction and Extraction Workers

SOC 47-1010: First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers

SOC 11-9020: Construction Managers

A construction worker can earn up to \$32k annually in the US.

### **What Are the Requirements to be a Construction Worker in the US?**

Having a high school diploma is the most basic requirement of a construction worker. It is beneficial if they have vocational training through taking classes in welding, woodshop and mathematics in high school.

Most construction workers are trained on-site by their employers. The employees could be required to pass an industry-specific certification to demonstrate their understanding of the field.

### **These certifications include:**

Occupation Visa Options for Immigrating to the US

National Association of Safety Professionals Certifications

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Construction Certificate

Silica in Construction Certificate

What Are the US Visa Programs Available for Foreign Construction Workers to Immigrate to the US?

There are 2 visa programs available for construction workers who want to immigrate to the United States:

H-2B Visa: Non-Agricultural Workers

The H-2B Visa is a temporary or nonimmigrant visa that allows skilled, unskilled and professional workers to travel to the US for non-agricultural and non-seasonal jobs. There are several occupations eligible for this visa, including:

Landscaping and groundskeeping workers

Forest and conservation workers

Amusement and recreation attendants

Maids and housekeeping cleaners

Meat, poultry, and fish cutters and trimmers

To qualify, you must have a valid job offer from a US-based employer.

EB-3 Visa: Employment-Based Visa for Permanent Workers

The EB-3 Visa is a permanent immigrant visa that allows foreign workers to travel to the US for permanent employment. You must have the required work experience and a valid job offer to qualify for this visa program.

***Ex. 2. Answer the questions.***

1. Why do thousands of immigrants travel to the US?
2. What percentage of foreign workers are in the construction industry in the US, and is it increasing or decreasing?

3. What are the responsibilities of a construction worker on-site?
4. How much can a construction worker earn annually in the US?
5. What are the basic requirements for becoming a construction worker in the US?
6. What certifications might a construction worker need to pass to demonstrate their understanding of the field?
7. What are the two visa programs available for construction workers who want to immigrate to the United States?
8. What is the H-2B Visa, and what types of jobs are eligible for this visa?
9. What is the EB-3 Visa, and what are the requirements for qualifying for this visa program?