

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT WORKER

## ABOUT THIS CAREER

Hazardous materials abatement workers identify, remove, package, transport and dispose of hazardous materials such as asbestos, mould, lead, mercury, PCBs and other biological hazards.

### HOURLY PAY

**\$18.50-\$32.91**

\*2020 rates

PROJECTED GROWTH  
(CONSTRUCTION LABOUR FORCE)

**10% over the decade**

compared to 2020\*

\*BuildForce Canada

"I am proud of the important role I have during renovation or demolition of structures. I make sure materials are removed safely before other trades come in to start their work."



You have mechanical aptitude.



You are physically fit.



You are detail-oriented.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Comply with safety procedures, provincial regulations and federal laws
- Pre-cleans work areas
- Build and dismantle enclosures for work areas
- Set up and dismantle decontamination chambers
- Remove and clean hazardous material
- Perform post tear-down clean
- Conduct routine inspections

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

### Entrance Requirements

#### High School (recommended prerequisites):

- Minimum Grade 10, Grade 12 preferred

#### Apprenticeship Program:

3 years of training, including 4,800 hours of practical training, 48 hours of in-class technical training and exam. Certified Hazmat Worker certificate awarded after successful completion. As a trainee, you also earn while you learn.

### Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

- Strong communication, reading, numeracy & problem-solving skills
- Physical fitness, stamina, ability to lift 25 kg
- Self-starter, ability to work in teams or alone

## DID YOU KNOW?

Hazardous materials abatement workers may have different working conditions, depending on their area of expertise. Some must wear fully enclosed protective suits for several hours at a time.

