

1 Careers



JOS Contractors is taking applications for three **skilled** positions: **carpenter**, **electrician**, and **HVAC technician**. Applicants must be fully licensed with three years of work experience. We will also consider forming **subcontractor** partnerships with established businesses. Submit a resume and cover letter to aschmitt@joscontractors.biz.

AUK Construction seeks **semiskilled** **roofers**, **painters**, and **masons**. We will provide training. This is a valuable opportunity to gain on-the-job work experience. However, applicants should have some experience in construction. Send references and work history to btaylor@aukconstruction.com.

TPX Management is hiring **unskilled laborers** for general work at a construction site. Workers must be able to lift more than 25 kilograms. If interested, please call (643) 555-5648. We are also seeking a **foreman** to lead this crew. The ideal candidate should have at least two years' previous supervisory experience. Submit a resume and cover letter to pcalhoun@tpxmgmt.org.

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some different construction careers?
- 2 What material does a carpenter work with?

Reading

2 Read the job listings for construction companies. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is a requirement for being hired by JOS Contractors?
 - A being fully licensed
 - B being able to lift 25 kilograms
 - C having an established business
 - D having previous supervisory experience
- 2 Which of the following positions is AUK Construction NOT hiring?
 - A roofers
 - B masons
 - C painters
 - D carpenters
- 3 What position can a person with no experience apply for?
 - A painter
 - B laborer
 - C foreman
 - D subcontractor

Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-7) with the definitions (A-G).

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| 1 — contractor | 5 — laborer |
| 2 — carpenter | 6 — electrician |
| 3 — foreman | 7 — mason |
| 4 — HVAC technician | |

- A a person who uses physical strength and abilities to earn money
- B a person skilled in installing and repairing heating, venting, and air conditioning systems
- C a person who runs a company that is hired to build or repair a building
- D a person who is trained to wire buildings and repair electrical problems
- E a person who is trained to use wood to create buildings and other structures
- F a person who builds structures with stone or brick
- G the leader of a construction work crew