



**Bishop
Auckland
College**

Level 3

Craft Bricklayer

Apprenticeship Standard

*Build Your Workforce with a Skilled Craft Bricklayer Apprentice
Solid foundations. Practical skills. Reliable site support*

Who are Bishop Auckland College Group?

Bishop Auckland College Group is dedicated to creating positive change through education and learning. We deliver high-quality training and apprenticeships that empowers individuals and support organisations to grow, adapt, and succeed.

Our apprenticeships in Professional Services, Leadership and Management are designed to meet the needs of individuals entering the workplace as well as those seeking to upskill in their current role. We work closely with employers to ensure our programmes are aligned with current business priorities and future skills requirements.

We support learners to achieve their potential through accessible, inclusive education. At Bishop Auckland College Group, we work closely with employers and invest in our staff to ensure our provision meets the needs of individuals, employers and the economy.

Highest
Apprenticeship
achievement
rates in County
Durham!



100%
Pass Rate



Why Hire a Craft Bricklayer Apprentice?

Support your construction team with trained labour



Reduce subcontracting costs



Develop long-term site operatives



Access funded training and mentoring



What Apprentices Learn:

| Laying Bricks, Blocks & Mortar

Constructing walls, partitions, and foundations using industry-standard techniques.

| Interpreting Drawings & Plans

Reading site plans and specifications to carry out accurate work.

| Mixing & Applying Mortar

Preparing materials and applying mortar to ensure strong, level structures.

| Setting Out & Measuring

Using tools to mark out work areas and ensure correct dimensions.

| Health & Safety on Site

Following site rules, using PPE and working safely at height and around machinery.

| Repair & Maintenance Work

Repointing, patching and restoring brickwork in residential and commercial settings.

| Teamwork & Communication

Working with site managers, tradespeople and suppliers to meet deadlines.

| Sustainability & Waste Reduction

Minimising material waste and understanding environmental responsibilities



Typical Duration:

24 months plus 3 months for EPA



Delivery:

Attend Bishop Auckland College one day per week

End Point Assessment (EPA)

The End Point Assessment (EPA) is the final, independent evaluation at the end of the apprenticeship, once the apprentice has completed their on-programme training and passed gateway (i.e., employer/provider confirm they're ready). It's designed to assess the apprentice's knowledge, skills and behaviours they've developed during the apprenticeship.

Before an apprentice can take the EPA, they must typically demonstrate:

- A completed portfolio of evidence showing they have applied the standard's knowledge, skills and behaviours throughout the apprenticeship.
- Achievement of Level 2 English and maths, if required by funding rules.

The gateway is the point at which the employer and training provider agree the apprentice is prepared for the EPA

Timing & Duration

- **On-Programme Training:** Typically 24–30 months, during which apprentices develop advanced bricklaying skills including complex masonry structures, decorative brickwork, arches, reinforced brickwork, and interpreting detailed construction drawings. Apprentices compile a portfolio of evidence demonstrating competence against the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) in real site environments.
- **Gateway & EPA Period:** After gateway approval, the EPA usually takes place within 3 months, covering the synoptic practical assessment and professional discussion.

The EPA is graded using Pass or Distinction *(with an overall Fail if minimum requirements are not met):*

Pass: Achieved a pass in both assessment methods. **Distinction:** Achieved distinction criteria in both methods. **Fail:** If one or more methods are not passed.

There are two EPA methods:

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Synoptic Practical Assessment

- The apprentice completes a substantial and complex bricklaying project in a controlled environment.
- The assessment may include advanced features such as decorative brickwork, arches, chimneys, detailed bonding patterns, or reinforced structures.
- The practical assessment tests precision, advanced technical ability, interpretation of detailed drawings, productivity, and compliance with health and safety requirements.
- The assessment typically lasts several hours and reflects high industry standards expected of a skilled craftsperson.

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Professional Discussion Underpinned by Portfolio

- A structured discussion with an independent assessor.
- Typically lasts around 60 minutes.
- The apprentice refers to their portfolio to evidence advanced technical knowledge, problem-solving ability, site leadership behaviours, quality control and professional standards.



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