

Stonemasons cut and shape hard and soft stone blocks and masonry slabs for the construction and renovation of stone structures and monumental masonry (stonework for cemeteries).

Stonemasons may perform tasks including:

- ◆ cutting and shaping stone using machine or hand tools;
- ◆ cutting and polishing granite and marble for use in construction, such as kitchen benchtops and bathroom vanity units;
- ◆ designing, cutting and carving monumental masonry using a range of tools;
- ◆ cutting lettering into stonework with handheld tools or sandblasting equipment.
- ◆ constructing walls using stone slabs and large masonry slab blocks;
- ◆ laying stone paving, granite or marble floor tiles; and
- ◆ repairing and replacing stonework on old buildings, churches and monuments.

In some states, stonemasonry is divided into various occupations, the major ones being stonemason machinist (stone sawyer and polisher), lettercutter and stone fixer. Stonemasons often work in a noisy environment.

### Personal Requirements

- ◆ able to work at heights
- ◆ able to work with your hands
- ◆ self-motivated
- ◆ aptitude in technical drawing and computer knowledge is an advantage

### Education and Training

Entry to this occupation is by way of an apprenticeship. This involves both on and off the job training.

- ◆ Apprenticeship in Stonemasonry