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JOB PROFILE

Civil-engineering technician

Téknikú enjeñaria sivíl

Construction & building trades · ISCO-08 3112

Civil-engineering technicians help engineers plan, build and look after roads, bridges, buildings, drains and water systems. They test soil and materials, draw plans, work out quantities and check the work on site. In Timor-Leste you can start at a technical secondary school or take a two-year diploma.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**School course · diploma** Técnico de Construção Civil; Construção Civil
COURSE LENGTH	**Diploma: 4 semesters** IPB Diploma II, 2017 plan
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No demand data for Timor yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia: any job with an offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$320 / month** Average for all technicians and associate professionals in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Test and measure: Test soil, sand, concrete and other materials; Help survey the land before building; Record results and report them to the engineer.

Draw and calculate: Draw plans and details, by hand or on a computer; Work out how much material a job needs; Help prepare cost estimates.

Check the site: Check that work follows the plans and standards; Keep a site diary of work done and problems; Help supervise workers and contractors.

Look after what is built: Inspect roads, drains and buildings for damage; Plan simple repairs and maintenance; Follow safety rules on site.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 3112, Civil engineering technicians.

WHERE YOU WORK

Construction companies (Roads, bridges and buildings); Government (Public works, roads and water); Design and testing offices (Drawings and material tests); Project sites in the districts (Work far from Dili).

You split your time between the office and building sites. On site you are outdoors in sun and rain, and you may stay away from home while a project runs.

In 2017, 75 foreign workers held work permits under "technique construction". The table does not say exactly which jobs that covers.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Maths and measuring, Drawing and reading plans, Careful, exact work, Using computers, Working with a team.

You like: Building things, Office and outdoor work, Finding out how things are made, Seeing a project finished.

Good maths at secondary school helps. Plans and design software often use English or Portuguese.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Técnico de Construção Civil** · Technical secondary school course (ESTV)
- **Construção Civil (Diploma II)** · Betano polytechnic (IPB; its new name IPTL is to confirm). Four semesters; 135 students were admitted in 2017, and this first group began with a preparatory year.

Fees, entry rules and whether these courses still run in the same form: to confirm with each school. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Technical school student** · Técnico de Construção Civil
- **Civil-engineering technician** · Diploma II in Construção Civil
- **Civil engineer** · University degree (ISCO 2142)
- **Your own building or testing business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · No official programme recruits Timorese workers for this job yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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