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JOB PROFILE

Mason / bricklayer

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Construction & building trades · ISCO-08 7112

Masons lay bricks, blocks and cut stones in mortar to build and repair walls, foundations, arches and other parts of buildings. In the 2017 enterprise survey, construction and masonry were the skills employers hired most from training centres.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Certificate I–IV** INDMO national certificates
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**Filled by foreign workers** Foreign work permits, 2017
ABROAD	**Japan · new route** Construction internships, agreement 2025
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$276 / month** Average for all craft & trades workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Read and measure: Read building plans and drawings; Measure and mark where walls go; Work out how many bricks and how much cement you need.

Mix and lay: Mix mortar from cement, sand and water; Lay bricks, blocks and stones row by row; Keep walls straight and level with a string line and spirit level.

Build and repair: Build walls, partitions, arches and chimneys; Cut and shape bricks and stones to fit; Repair old or damaged walls.

Work as a team: Work with labourers, carpenters and other trades on site; Follow safety rules on scaffolding and with heavy loads; Clean tools and leave the site tidy.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 7112, Bricklayers and related workers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Building sites (Houses, schools, offices and shops); Construction companies (Bigger buildings and public works); Family houses (New houses, extensions and repairs); Your own small business (Taking jobs for families and builders).

The work is outdoors, often in hot sun. You lift heavy blocks and bags of cement, and sometimes work high up on scaffolding.

Builders in Timor-Leste also hire masons from abroad: 78 foreign masons held work permits in 2017. That is work a trained Timorese mason can take.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Hard physical work, Measuring carefully, Reading simple drawings, Teamwork, Basic maths.

You like: Building things that last, Working with your hands, Being outdoors, Seeing the result of your work.

To work in Japan you also need to learn Japanese.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Certificate I in Masonry** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate II in Masonry** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate III in Masonry** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate III in Masonry-Tijolu Kesi** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate IV in Masonry** · INDMO national certificate
- **CNEFP Tibar: Masonry** · Level III. The centre opened enrolment for 2026.

Course length and fees: to confirm with INDMO and each centre. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Construction labourer** · Entry job; Certificate I in General Construction
- **Mason** · Certificate II, then III in Masonry
- **Lead mason** · Certificate IV in Masonry
- **Your own building business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Japan: Technical Intern Training** · In December 2025 SEFOPE signed an agreement with a business cooperative in Kagoshima, Japan, for Japan's Technical Intern Training programme, with a focus on construction and port services. This route is new.

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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