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JOB PROFILE

Painter & decorator

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Construction & building trades · ISCO-08 7131

Painters and decorators prepare the walls, ceilings, doors and windows of buildings, then paint, varnish or paper them so they look good and are protected. No national course for this job is listed yet.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**No national course listed** The published list is incomplete
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
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$276 / month** Average for all craft & trades workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Prepare the surface: Cover floors and furniture to keep them clean; Scrape off old paint and sand rough spots; Fill holes and cracks in walls.

Paint: Mix paint and match the colour the client wants; Paint with brushes, rollers or a spray gun; Put on primer, then one or more top coats.

Decorate: Varnish or stain wood; Hang wallpaper; Finish edges and corners neatly.

Work safely: Set up ladders and work platforms safely; Keep rooms aired and wear a mask with strong paints; Clean tools and store paint safely after work.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 7131, Painters and related workers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Building sites (New houses, offices and shops); Homes (Repainting and repairs for families); Hotels and offices (Keeping buildings looking fresh); Your own small business (Working for yourself).

You work indoors and outdoors, often up a ladder or on a platform. The work is physical, and paint and dust mean you need to protect your eyes, skin and lungs.

There is no published data yet on how many painters Timor-Leste needs. If you find a source, tell us and we will add it.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Neat, careful work, Seeing colours well, Working at heights, Patience, Basic maths for paint and area.

You like: Working with your hands, Making places look good, Seeing the result of your work, Moving between jobs.

Being on time and leaving a clean site helps you get the next job from the same client.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **No national certificate listed yet** · The published list of INDMO titles has no painting course, and that list is incomplete.

You can also learn on the job from an experienced painter. Where to train and course length: to confirm with INDMO. The directory never shows a course or a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Construction labourer** · Entry job; Certificate I–II in General Construction (ISCO 9313)
- **Painter & decorator** · Learn from an experienced painter
- **Lead painter** · Runs a team on bigger jobs after years of experience
- **Your own painting business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme that sends Timorese painters abroad 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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