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JOB PROFILE

Scaffolder / rigger

Montadór andaime / rigger

Construction & building trades · ISCO-08 7119 / 7215

Scaffolders put up and take down the scaffolding that builders work on. Riggers set up ropes, cables and lifting gear so cranes can move heavy loads safely. A 2022 skills strategy expects building projects in Timor-Leste to need some riggers and scaffolders, though fewer than labourers.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**No national course listed** The published list is incomplete
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**Some demand expected** Smaller than for labourers
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

Build scaffolding: Read the plan and check the ground is firm; Put up tubes, frames, boards and ladders; Take the scaffolding down safely when the job is done.

Rig loads: Choose and check ropes, chains, slings and hooks; Attach loads so they balance and do not slip; Set up hoists, pulleys and winches.

Guide the lift: Give hand signals or radio calls to the crane operator; Keep people clear while a load is moving; Splice and repair ropes and cables.

Work safely: Wear a harness, helmet and gloves at height; Inspect gear every day and remove anything damaged; Stop work in strong wind or when something is unsafe.

Based on the ILO descriptions of ISCO-08 unit groups 7119, Building frame and related trades workers not elsewhere classified (which includes scaffolders), and 7215, Riggers and cable splicers.

WHERE YOU WORK

Building sites (Tall buildings, bridges and repairs); Ports (Port work needs similar trade skills); Power stations and grid (Running the national electricity system too); Oil and gas (Workers there learned rigging and scaffolding).

You work outdoors and high above the ground, in sun, wind and rain. The work is heavy and a mistake can hurt you or others, so you follow safety rules every time.

The 2022 skills strategy says workers from the oil and gas industry learned rigging and scaffolding there, and that these skills carry over to other industries. It expects infrastructure projects to need mostly labourers and heavy-equipment operators, with smaller demand for riggers, doggers and scaffolders.

In 2017, building frame and related trade workers, the wider group that scaffolders belong to, were among the five jobs with the most new hires.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Working at heights, Physical strength, Following safety rules, Teamwork and clear signals, Judging weight and balance.

You like: Being outdoors, Big projects, Working with your hands, Ropes, knots and tools.

This job is not for you if you are afraid of heights. Big sites often use English for safety briefings and signals.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

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

Where to train, course length and any licence rules for working at heights or with cranes: to confirm with INDMO and SEFOPE. 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)
- **Scaffolder or rigger** · Learn on site with an experienced team
- **Lead scaffolder or rigging supervisor** · Plans the work and checks the team after years of experience
- **Heavy equipment operator** · Another step on big sites (ISCO 8342)

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme that sends Timorese scaffolders or riggers 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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