

Leather Craftsperson

Level 2

Set within an industry steeped in tradition, the leather trade supports the pursuit of excellence in its traditional craft skills whilst also embracing innovation and technology. The leather craftsperson is a fundamental occupational role in the leather trade and in a sector that contributes over £700 million to the British economy.

British leather and leather products have an international and iconic reputation and the continued success of the sector will depend on maintaining a skilled, well-trained workforce.

The Standard is designed to give an overarching range of skills, knowledge and behaviours appropriate to both the production of leather and the manufacture of leather goods. The former involving taking raw skin and hides and converting them through chemical and mechanical processing, to produce leather ready for a variety of applications. The latter involving taking leather and forming a finished product from it, often involving processes such as stitching and cutting.

Regardless of which methods the employers' use, leather craftspeople will know and understand the end-to-end process of how leather is produced and the manufacturing processes required to produce a final leathersgoods product.

An employee in this occupation will be responsible for working efficiently and accurately to agreed product specifications and customer requirements, using both hand and machine skills, within agreed production deadlines and to the required quality standard. In their daily work, they will report to line managers and supervisors and often will interact with production colleagues. Typical working pattern is Monday to Friday.

The role of a leather craftsperson is wide-ranging and covers.

- Contribute to the production of leather (processing and finishing) in line with the specification.
- Quality check materials and components for faults.
- Undertake leather cutting operations.
- Skive materials (shaving/reducing weight) ready for the next stage of production.
- Prepare materials ready for the next stage of production.
- Ink/paint raw/cut leathers edge.
- Hand/machine sew leather components.
- Examine finished leather/leather product for quality.
- Repair and/or rework leather/leather goods.
- Package product and label for onward journey.

Qualifications - English & Maths

Maths and English will be included in the delivery of the programme; unless you have achieved Grade A-C or 4-9 at GCSE level, or a Level 2 Functional Skills qualification.

For the Level 2 Apprenticeship, level 1 English and maths will be needed to achieve this and all apprentices will take the test for level 2 English and maths prior to completion of their Apprenticeship, unless they hold an equivalent qualification already.

Teaching and support for Maths and English will be given in the workplace and contextualised to the working environment.

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