



Job Situation

Working with client and sub-trades and other contractors and suppliers. Involves a lot of physical work under every possible conditions-indoor and outdoor

Weekly Hours of Work

55

Overtime

15

Monthly Salary

\$6,000

Student Loan – Owning

0

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

0

Duties

Obtaining renovations building permits. Hiring and scheduling subcontractors. Ordering building materials. Coordinating formal building inspections.

Prospects

Large construction projects. Manager of new developments. Construction materials retail sales. Buyer for large construction company. Home Inspector.

Job Title

Home Renovator

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

0712

Job Description

There are as many kind of days in your business as there are jobs. There are days when you work inside and outside. You can spend a whole day at the building supply stores shopping with your clients or alone. Many days you spend explaining the various tasks you will have to undertake to bring the kind of renovation for which you have been contracted. As your company prefers fixed price jobs rather than hourly, you must approach every day having planned and organized so that you can deliver.

Most of your jobs are in renovating existing homes where windows and doors have to be upgraded. In most instances the homeowners are taking advantage of energy upgrade government grants and the homeowners have decided to upgrade the bathrooms and kitchens while they are at it. Everyone has watched TV programs where the work gets done almost overnight and often by the unskilled homeowners, dustless, easy and rapid. If only! The cost and to say nothing of the disruption they will experience often test your patience along with theirs.

Once you start the bathroom renovations you have to time the work with other sub trades such as the kitchen cabinet subcontractor, the plumber and often the electrician. A few parts missing can really cost you a lot of time and money. Trips to the building supply store add a lot of expense and time. You have to make certain that you measure twice and cut once.

Outside work is almost always inevitable and weather dependent. Caulking, insulating and siding has to be dealt with. It sure is a good thing that you have over the years been doing side jobs for neighbours and friends. This is really where your profit is made. Callbacks are to be avoided as most of your work comes to you from word of mouth. You clean up your job site daily and stack all left over materials. You know they will be very useful someday on some other site.