

James Harrison

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Seasoned Tile Fitter with over 10 years of experience in high end residential and commercial projects. Expert in natural stone installation, subfloor preparation, and complex mosaic layouts. Proven track record of finishing large scale projects 15 percent under schedule while maintaining zero defect craftsmanship.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead Tile Installer | Peak Tiling Solutions | Manchester, UK

May 2018 - Present

- Spearheaded the installation of premium natural stone and porcelain for residential projects valued at over £1M.
- Managed a team of 5 junior fitters, ensuring all work met strict architectural tolerances within 1.5mm.
- Optimised the cutting process for specialised glass mosaics, reducing breakage costs by £3,000 annually.
- Negotiated with vendors to secure a 10 percent discount on bulk adhesive orders for large scale developments.
- Implemented a new site prep protocol that decreased subfloor levelling time by 20 percent per project.

Senior Tile Setter | North West Commercial Flooring | Liverpool, UK

Aug 2013 - Apr 2018

- Completed the tiling phase for 3 major shopping centre renovations, totalling over 14,000 square metres of surface area.
- Developed custom layout plans for curved wall surfaces using flexible cementitious mortars.
- Collaborated with general contractors to resolve grade issues on 15+ complex commercial sites.
- Trained 12 apprentices in high speed floor tiling techniques and health and safety standards for silica dust exposure.
- Consistently achieved a 98 percent client satisfaction rating based on post project quality audits.

Tile Fitter | Precision Surfaces Ltd | Stockport, UK

Jun 2010 - Jul 2013

- Installed ceramic and quarry tiles for industrial kitchen environments requiring high chemical resistance.
- Mastered the use of epoxy grouts and high performance sealants for commercial food prep areas.
- Executed decorative patterns in lobby areas for tech company headquarters with zero rework required.
- Maintained all power tools and cutting equipment, extending tool lifespan by an average of 18 months.

EDUCATION

University of Salford | Bachelor of Science | Construction Management

Aug 2006 - May 2010

Manchester College | NVQ Level 3 | Wall and Floor Tiling

Sept 2010 - Mar 2011

SKILLS

Subfloor Levelling, Schluter Systems Installation, Wet Saw Operation, Tanking & Waterproofing, Blueprint Reading, Epoxy Grout Application, Project Estimation, Time Management, Client Communication, Physical Stamina, Attention to Detail, Problem Solving

CERTIFICATIONS

CSCS Blue Skilled Worker Card | Construction Skills Certification Scheme (2014)
Working at Heights Certification | PASMA (Nov 2021)

LANGUAGES

English (Native)
Polish (Professional Working Proficiency)

ACTIVITIES

Volunteer for Restoration Projects

Assisting in the restoration of Victorian tiled hallways in heritage buildings.

TTA Member

Active participant in The Tile Association annual seminars and technical workshops.

CV example from guide at vitae.so