

# BUILD ILLINOIS

## *DRYWALL FINISHER*

Drywall finishers, also known as tapers, seal joints between plasterboard or other wallboards, mix sealing compound, press paper tape over joints to embed tape into compound and seal joints, or tape joints using mechanical applicators that spread compound and embed tape in one operation. They sand rough spots after compound dries, fill cracks and holes in walls, and may apply texturing compound and primer to walls and ceilings preparatory to final finishing, using brushes, roller, or spray gun. They may countersink nails or screws below the surface of walls prior to applying sealing compound, using a hammer or a screwdriver.

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

Drywall finishing work is done on commercial, residential and industrial properties, both new and existing construction, inside as well as outside.

## **LENGTH OF APPRENTICESHIP**

The apprenticeship duration for this trade is two years. Apprentices receive classroom instruction one day per week over a 59-week period, and receive a total of 3,712 on-the-job training hours.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Apprenticeship applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid Driver's License or State ID, and hold a valid social security card.

