



**Worshipful Company
of Builders' Merchants**

WCoBM GRANT & FUNDING

About WCoBM

The Worshipful Company of Builders' Merchants (WCoBM) is a City Livery Company and charitable organisation that represents the building materials sector. A key objective of our Livery is to support further education and training in the industry. This includes dedicated grants and funding that help individuals fulfil their career ambitions and encourage companies to provide an environment in which their employees can learn and develop.

Careers Without Limits

The building materials sector offers a diverse and widespread choice of rewarding job opportunities with qualifications, apprenticeships, mentoring or practical training to help individuals and teams start their journey or continue their development. Roles can range from drivers, yard operatives, operations and trade counter management through to sales, marketing, design, technical, IT, HR, finance and much more in-between!

WCoBM Grants & Funding

Our grants of up to £2,000 each are for individuals or teams working with a building materials supplier or manufacturer. The grants are available to individuals looking to join our sector, current employees in the building materials sector who want to further their career, or companies who demonstrate how funding will be beneficial to the ongoing development of their teams. The grant, once approved, can be used to partially or fully support the following:

- The purchase of relevant materials that enable learning eg computer equipment, software or practical tools.
- Apprenticeship programmes.
- Dedicated qualifications, modules, training platforms or courses that are proven to contribute to further learning or development within the building materials sector.
- Dedicated work experience that allows for relevant training and new learning within the industry to support role development.

Other requests are considered on case-by-case basis.

The funding is open to:

- School Leavers
- College or University graduates
- Students or Apprentices
- Employees working in the sector
- Employers: Builders' Merchants, Building Materials Stockists or Building Materials Manufacturers



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Application Form for Individuals

1. Personal details	
Full name:	
Postal address:	
Telephone:	
Email address:	
Date of birth:	

2. Current status (complete as applicable)			
Employed: Yes/No		Full/Part Time	Start date:
Employer company name & address, contact name, phone number & email address of line manager:			
Type of business:			
Your job title:			
Brief summary of previous employment if applicable:			



2. Current status cont... (complete as applicable)

Unemployed: Yes/No		Apprentice: IF YES, GO TO Q3	Student: IF YES, GO TO Q4
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3. Only complete this section if you are in an Apprenticeship programme

Details of Apprenticeship:	
Date Apprenticeship started:	
Date Apprenticeship ends:	
Employer company name & address, contact name, phone number & email address of line manager:	
Type of business:	

4. Only complete this section if you are a student

Name of school/college/university:	
Name of course(s) currently studying:	
Expected qualification(s) on completion of course eg Diploma, Degree:	
End date of course/studies:	

5. Career plans and aspirations

Briefly explain your career plans & aspirations with reasons for wanting to join or continue working in the building materials sector:



6. Application to WCoBM Grant	
How did you hear of our Grant:	
Briefly explain your reasons for applying for the grant ie how will it help you and what will it help to fund?	
Are you applying for a FULL or PARTIAL grant?	FULL / PARTIAL
If PARTIAL, how much do you require?	£

All Grant applications and the information provided are dealt with in strictest confidence. Applications are based on assessment of your financial status, and if approved, is awarded on successful completion of the course or learning. The Grant may be paid to an organisation (such as your employer or other lender/funder) who has paid the course fees in advance; or to you if you have funded the course directly. Proof of payment and completion of the course or learning will be required before the grant can be issued.

If you are successful in your application, please confirm details below of who the Grant should be paid to? (This can be confirmed at a later stage)

PAYEENAME or COMPANYNAME:

PAYEECONTACTDETAILS (If different to sections 1 & 2):

Bank Name:

Sort Code:

Account No:



Conditions/Criteria for applications

Students/ Younger People:

- The applicant must not be in receipt of substantial income from their parents.

Apprentices:

- The apprentice must have at least 75% of their training still to be completed at the time of first application.
- A statement supporting the application must be received from the trainer/mentor or employer stating that the apprentice is progressing well and likely to complete the course in full.

Employees:

- Applicants are in employment with a builders' merchant, building materials stockist or building materials manufacturer
- Applicants must have worked in the industry for at least 12 months.
- There must be a demonstrable financial need indicating that the applicant cannot fund the course themselves.
- The course or training that the applicant is seeking financial support for must not be wholly available from the employer.
- Successful applicants must be prepared to sign a statement that they plan to remain within the industry for at least two years following completion of the course; otherwise they will agree to refund the cost of the Grant.

The Worshipful Company of Builders' Merchants will take a sympathetic view on all applications. If successful, the individual can benefit from one Grant only to the sum of £2,000. The same individual cannot re-apply for another Grant.

Exclusions: PLCs, multi-national or national organisations with firm financial stability or individuals that apply without explanation or demonstrable need.

Signed:	
Name (PRINTED):	
Date:	

Return this completed form to:

The Clerk Jane, Lady Hilliard, Worshipful Company of Builders' Merchants
c/o Worshipful Company of Cutlers, 4 Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BR

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