

Real Estate Careers



There are many career paths in housing besides becoming a Realtor or Agent. After all, everyone needs a place to live. Find job security and build wealth with a career in Real Estate.

Possible Career Paths

(with approx. salary in 2025)

- Plumber - \$50-100K
- Broker -no salary, sales based \$0-200K
- HVAC - \$40-120K
- Electrician - \$50-160K
- Roofer - \$45-90K
- Elevator Tech - \$75-150K
- Flipper -no salary, sales based \$0-100K/yr
- Appraiser - \$75-125K/yr
- Architect - \$70-200K/yr (Bachelor degree required)

Benefits

Flexibility

If you work for yourself, you can make your own hours.

Union Eligibility

Union members receive higher pay with job security.

Build Wealth

Income properties can create passive wealth for generations.

Job security

A career in the trades will never be outsourced to a foreign country.



How to Break In

- Union jobs will require more formal education – research your trade of interest.
- Apprentice with a tradesman after graduating high school.
- Talk to everyone you know, and get referrals.
- Shop around for the best fit.

Housing Resources

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We all need money to live. Make yours work for you.

Typical Renters Criteria

- Credit Score (600 minimum)
- Steady monthly income 2-4 times your rent
- Good references
- Good rental history
- No evictions

Tenant & Landlord Resources



Chicago Housing Authority
www.theCHA.org



Affordable Rental Housing Resource List
www.chicago.gov



Residential Landlord & Tenant Ordinance
www.chicago.gov



List of Trade & Vocational Schools
www.best-trade-schools.net



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