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What it takes to become a GOOD Scaffolder its not as complicated as one might expect...

Scaffolding - its a trade that comprises of about 90% manual handling, 70% working at height and about 40% technical expertise.

A very dangerous, but incredibly important industry to many sectors within the UK, including Construction, Oil & Gas and Events, and also extremely important to British infrastructure.

Being a Scaffolder means building, maintaining, and dismantling scaffolds, which are classified as temporary structures, falling under Temporary Works.

Scaffolds provide other contractors and workers with a safe means of access to carry out their own works at height safely.

It's a very physically demanding job, requiring a mix of training, skills, and grit...

When you think of scaffolding, one would generally think of early starts, heavy lifting, and outdoor work in all weather conditions - and thats exactly what it is.

No formal qualifications are required by law, but they are almost universally expected by most Principal Contractors prior to being allowed to work on site - and thats all down to safeguarding their own insurance premiums, over a plastic card you show them.

ULTRA ACCESS's feelings are that it should take between 18 months to 3 years to qualify fully, as a **Basic Part 2 Scaffolder**, with a recommended 3+ years experience before seeking to progress towards your **Advanced Scaffolder** qualification, depending on what path you take, either the apprentice route, or self-funded training.

In short: Take your time, and gain sufficient experience before you look to progress your career.

But, **does that mean that a qualified scaffolder is a GOOD SCAFFOLDER...?**
No, it don't.

To become a **Good Scaffolder**, it takes effort.

Effort to learn, effort to improve, effort to develop your physical, mental and emotional strength.

It's a never ending task.

Such effort fuels the desire to learning complex skills, mastering of your day to day safety processes, and how to tackle challenging builds.

Staying motivated to improve ensures precision, teamwork, and adaptability, turning you into a reliable pro who keeps sites safe and their work efficient.

Proactively improving your kit, tools and equipment, is also a huge step in becoming a respected and "good" scaffolder, as is timekeeping and reliability - especially to those who employ you, either direct PAYE, or through contracted work, of CIS Self Employed.

Becoming good at something takes repetition, but it also takes dedication and effort, along with the desire / drive to becoming good.

Theres some fantastic scaffolders out there, and not a single one of them started out that way. It took time, dedication and effort to become so.

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