

Carpentry Apprenticeships

Carpentry offers a career working mostly outdoors, building anything and everything from housing features such as walls, floorboards to frames. This hands-on trade includes repairing structures and fixtures made of wood, plywood and other materials, ensuring quality craftsmanship and safety are adhered to.

What are some of the duties involved in a carpentry apprenticeship?

- ✓ Reviewing blueprints and choosing materials for layouts
- ✓ Selecting tools, equipment, and/or materials for the tradespeople
- ✓ Erect wall frames, lay floors, ceilings and roofs for houses and small commercial buildings
- ✓ Install window frames, doors, door frames, skirting boards, cornices
- ✓ Cleaning work areas, machines and/or equipment
- ✓ Repairing existing fittings

4 Years

- A fulltime carpentry apprenticeship goes for 4 years
- A carpentry school based apprenticeship (SBA) goes for 5 years, with the 1st year spread across Year 11 & 12
- A carpentry SBA must complete a minimum of 144 days of paid employment across Year 11 & 12
- Once a SBA finishes their HSC and SBA requirements they will become a 2nd year apprentice and can commence full time work

What does a typical week look like?

- ✓ 4 days per week at work
- ✓ 1 day per week at TAFE
- ✓ Employers may ask you to work Saturdays & overtime

What are some of the units offered in the course?

- ✓ Use carpentry tools and equipment
- ✓ Handle carpentry materials
- ✓ Carry out setting out
- ✓ Carry out levelling operations
- ✓ Plan and organise work
- ✓ Conduct workplace communication
- ✓ Read and interpret plans and specifications
- ✓ Carry out excavation
- ✓ Use explosive power tools
- ✓ Erect and dismantle scaffolding
- ✓ Work safely at heights
- ✓ Carry out concreting to simple forms
- ✓ Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry

What qualification is completed in the apprenticeship?

Certificate III in Carpentry or Certificate III in Carpentry & Joinery

Additional studies after the apprenticeship:

Certificate IV or Diploma in Building & Construction

Upon completion, you can apply for your builder licence with Fair Trading NSW

Career pathway:

- ✓ Project Manager
- ✓ Business owner
- ✓ Job site supervisor
- ✓ Foreperson

What we look for in a suitable candidate

- ✓ Strong attention to detail
- ✓ Ability to problem solve
- ✓ Good math skills
- ✓ Ability to communicate with clients
- ✓ Enjoy manual work
- ✓ White Card
- ✓ Drivers licence (except for school based apprentices)
- ✓ Own car (except for school based apprentices)

Industry demand:

Carpentry tradespeople are in high demand with the role being identified as a skill shortage area. Over the next five years, carpentry services are expected to grow alongside the projected stronger demand from the residential building market. There are likely to be around 69,000 job openings by 2023.

What is the pay rate?

<https://calculate.fairwork.gov.au/findyouraward>



Questions?

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