

Do you want to be a Carpenter?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Carpenters can make just about anything out of wood. As well, modern carpenters can also work with synthetic materials which are sometimes cheaper than timber. Carpentry is a very large field with most workers employed in a full time capacity. There is a currently a skills shortage of carpenters in Australia so if you are looking to get into this field, the best time is now!

Who wants to be a Carpenter? Someone who ...

- ✓ Is interested in practical work and can work well with their hands
- ✓ Has a good sense of balance, can work at heights and is safety conscious
- ✓ Can make quick and accurate calculations & solve problems
- ✓ Is physically fit & has good mobility
- ✓ Enjoys working as part of a team

What do Carpenters do?

- ✓ Read plans and specifications to determine dimensions, materials and quantities
- ✓ Shape materials and assemble components with hand and power tools
- ✓ Set out buildings and footings on the site using a variety of levelling devices
- ✓ Construct floors and erect wall and roof framing
- ✓ Install doors, windows, staircases, kitchens, locks, hardware and other fixtures



We can help you.

Where do Carpenters work?

- ✓ Indoors and outdoors for building and construction firms
- ✓ As carpentry contractors on a self-employed basis
- ✓ Maintenance departments of factories and large companies and institutions
- ✓ Government departments concerned with public works



Why become a Carpenter?

- ✓ Due to a skills shortage of carpenters, **career prospects are excellent** for up and coming carpenters
- ✓ Good opportunities to run your own business as a self employed tradesperson or consultant
- ✓ Personal job satisfaction in making something useful that you can see
- ✓ Opportunities for further training and experience to develop different career paths such as Building Supervisor, Building or Construction Manager, Building Inspector, Building Contract Administrator

How do I become a Carpenter?

- ✓ Start with a work experience placement to get some hands-on experience, and get a feel for whether this is the RIGHT CHOICE for you
- Achieve good results in Maths and English at school – a positive School Report is your first reference for a possible employer
- Obtain a Safety Card (White)
- Apply for and complete a 4 year Apprenticeship and achieve a Certificate III in Carpentry (school based apprenticeships are available)

Want more Information?

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