



JOB of the Week



Job name: Carpenter

Job description:

Carpenters construct, erect, install, and repair structures and fixtures made from wood and other materials. Carpenters are involved in many different kinds of construction, from the building of highways and bridges to the installation of kitchen cabinets.

Tasks you will undertake in the job:

- Work with designers and planners on construction projects
- Defer to the contractor's orders on large construction projects
- Match materials to requested design specifications
- Measure building materials and spaces for installation accurately
- Order building materials as needed
- Creates materials that fit the client's expectations
- Assemble sturdy and well-constructed floorboards, skirting boards, window frames, doors, door linings, staircases, fitted furniture, cabinetry, shelving, and more
- Incorporate fixtures like door handles and locks, cabinet handles, stairway railing, and other fixtures into design and implementation
- Build temporary housings and supports for setting concrete (shuttering)
- Build the framework of a building, bridge, ship, or other large-scale construction project
- Craft furniture with fine detail work and/or utmost sturdiness and quality
- Utilise skills in other related trades such as plumbing, roofing, bricklaying, painting, tiling, plastering
- Participate in first fixing as well as second fixing work
- Combine carpentry work with joining work
- Repair and refurbish existing building work
- Replace damaged wood in hardwood floors and outdoor decks
- Use power tools and other tools to cut and shape wood, metal, and other materials

Skills required for this job (core competencies):

Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

Sectors in which Carpenters would normally work: You could work in a workshop, at a client's business, on a construction site or at a client's home.

You may have to travel often usually within your local area; you might be working outside in a range of weather conditions and often working in environments that can be cramped and dusty and at height. You may need to wear protective clothing.

Salary: Carpenters are typically paid a starting wage of £16 000, this increases with experience, skilled Carpenters can expect to earn approximately £40 000 per year



Working hours: Working hours are usually around 40 -45 hours per week. You may need to work some evenings and weekends.

Qualifications to become a Carpenter:

You can get into this job through a college course or an Apprenticeship
You could take a college course such as Level 2 Diploma in Bench Joinery or Level 2 or Level 3 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery

Entry requirements - You'll usually need: 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course

4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course

You could do an intermediate or advanced apprenticeship in carpentry and joinery. There are 2 options: Site carpenter or an Architectural joiner. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time with a college or training provider.

Essential skills you need to show:

- knowledge of building and construction
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of maths
- the ability to work well with others
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools
- the ability to work on your own
- sensitivity and understanding
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

This job in the future: The workforce is projected to decline by -2%, losing 4 900 jobs; in the same period, 50.4% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 122 300 job opportunities.

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