

Carpentry and Joinery (Construction) Apprenticeship Level 2 Standard

Apprenticeship Standard Title	Carpentry and Joinery
Level	2
Sector	Construction, Planning and the Built Environment
Duration / Guided Learning Hours	18 – 24 months
Minimum Age of Learner	16 years

This qualification is aimed at those wanting to work or those already working in the construction industry and wishing to gain the technical and practical knowledge required to be a site carpenter. It offers an apprentice an interesting role while training with the chance to progress to project management or supervisory positions. If an individual enjoys working practically and has an interest in the construction industry and particularly wood occupations then this is the ideal apprenticeship.

The occupation involves carrying out skilled work, primarily using timber products, either on a construction site, or in a workshop, creating and installing building components.

A Site Carpenter will normally work on a building site, or in domestic and commercial premises, preparing and fixing building components, from the initial erection of a new building, through to the installation of all necessary fixtures and fittings, as well as a range of repair and maintenance activities.

Programme Design

The qualification comprises of mandatory generic units, mandatory specialist units and optional modules.

Mandatory Requirements	
Functional Skills	Level
Maths	1
English	1
Qualification and Skills	
Combined Knowledge and Competence Based Qualification	Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery
Personal Learning and Thinking Skills	Creative thinking Independent enquiry Reflective learning Team working Self-management Effective participation

Mandatory Units		
Level	Unit Reference	Unit Title
1	QCF 641	Conforming to general health, safety and welfare in the workplace.
2	GCF642	Conforming to productive working practices in the workplace
2	QCF643	Moving, handling and storing resources in the workplace
Three optional units to be discussed and decided with the tutor		

Level	Unit Reference	Unit Title
2	QCF09Av2	Installing first fixing components in the workplace
2	QCF10Av2	Installing second fixing components in the workplace
2	QCF11v2	Erecting structural carcassing components in the workplace
2	QCF12v2	Maintaining non-structural carpentry work in the workplace
2	QCF628v2	Setting up and using transportable cutting and shaping machines in the workplace

End Point Assessment	
Synoptic knowledge assessment	
To consist of multiple-choice or structured questions (short-answer) to assess the bulk of the generic knowledge across the apprenticeship. These will be sat under invigilated conditions and marked by the Awarding Organisations (ie externally). This will be graded pass/distinction/fail.	
Synoptic practical assessment	
Assessed by an independent assessor (Awarding Organisation appointed or 3rd party) that requires the candidate to complete a number of core practical activities, in controlled conditions. The activities will be chosen from a bank of tasks developed by the Awarding Organisation working with representatives of the employers. Evidence will predominantly be via observation but could also include oral questioning to ensure the apprentice has the skills and supporting knowledge required of the role. Where oral questioning is used this is to assess knowledge relating to a practical skill or task eg 'why', 'when' type questions - not 'how'. This will be graded pass/distinction/fail.	

Synoptic interview
To question the apprentice on skills not covered by the practical assessment as well as the behaviours using the portfolio of evidence as a basis for the discussion. This will be carried out by the independent assessor and graded pass/fail.

Qualification Progression	<p>On completion of this standard, some apprentices may progress onto the advanced apprenticeship standard in Carpentry and Joinery, or secure employment as a site carpenter.</p> <p>The achievement of this standard will meet the requirements of the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) 'Skilled Worker' standard, which is widely accepted in the sector as a 'license to operate' in a skilled construction trade.</p>
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