

Carpentry and Wood Occupations (Construction) Apprenticeship Level 2



Apprenticeship Standard	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

The Programme

This apprenticeship 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.

Employer Benefits

It is increasingly difficult to recruit skilled labour in the Construction industry so the obvious route is to increase the number of apprenticeships on offer and upskill your existing workforce.

Apprenticeships are an excellent way to support your organisation by harnessing new talent or helping to up skill your existing workforce. An apprenticeship is your chance to employ an individual committed to learning and developing their skills within your organisation. Your apprentice will bring technical skills and knowledge back to your business.

- Increase productivity
- Future-proof your business
- Give you the competitive edge
- Improve profits
- Reduce training costs
- Motivate your workforce

Programme Design

The apprenticeship 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 Apprenticeship	Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery
Personal Learning and Thinking Skills	Creative thinking Independent enquiry Reflective learning Team working Self-management Effective participation

On completion of this apprenticeship, carpentry and joinery workers will be able to:

- Work Safely and be aware of key health, safety and welfare issues
- Plan and carry out their work to commercial standards of quality and speed
- Move, handle and store resources, such as materials and timber components, complying with relevant legislation and guidance.
- Interpret and follow verbal and written work instructions from trade supervisors and site managers.
- Select the required materials to carry out the work, such as correct timber, tools and fixings.
- Access, interpret and use drawings and specifications to carry out their work.

On completion of this apprenticeship, carpentry and joinery workers will have the following core knowledge to:

- Understand the principles of health, safety and welfare and how these are applied in the workplace
- Understand how to communicate with others and comply with instruction and directions.
- Understand the different techniques and methods used to move, handle and store materials.
- Understand how to interpret and use relevant product information and specifications.
- Understand their responsibilities under current employment and safety legislation, such as the Health and Safety at Work Act.
- Understand how to calculate quantity, length, area and wastage of resources.
- Understand the needs of other workers and how to work effectively with others.
- Understand the characteristics, quality, uses, sustainability, limitations and defects associated with timber and timber based products and components, such as hardwood, softwood, MDF and other materials.

On completion of this apprenticeship site carpenters will have acquired occupational skills to be able to:

- Carry out a range of job tasks, including measuring, marking out, fitting, cutting, splicing, finishing, positioning and securing.
- Install door and window frames, door and hatch linings, floor joist coverings, straight partitions and straight staircases.
- Install doors, ironmongery, service encasements, wall and floor units and fitments, cladding and staircase components.
- Erect inclined roofs with gables, joists, roof coverings and roof components.
- Repair or replace frames, mouldings, doors, windows, door and window ironmongery roofing components, guttering and downpipes and window components.
- Use, maintain and store hand tools, power tools and associated equipment

End Point Assessment	Grading: distinction/pass/fail
<p>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 (i.e. externally).</p>	
<p>Synoptic practical assessment Assessed by an independent assessor this assessment 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. 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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

<p>Qualification Progression 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 'licence to operate' in a skilled construction trade.</p>
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