

Carpenter and Joiner

Carpenters and joiners construct, erect, install, renovate and repair structures and fixtures made of wood, plywood, wallboard and other materials, and cut, shape and fit timber parts to form structures and fittings.

Job title examples

- Carpenter and Joiner
- Carpenter
- Joiner

Other jobs in this field of work

What carpenters and joiners do

- study drawings and specifications to determine materials required, dimensions and installation procedures
- order and select timbers and materials, and prepare layouts
- cut materials, and assemble and nail cut and shaped parts
- erect framework and roof framing, lay sub-flooring and floorboards and verify trueness of structures
- nail fascia panels, sheath roofs, and fit exterior wall cladding and door and window frames
- assemble prepared wood to form structures and fittings ready to install
- cut wood joints
- may construct concrete formwork
- may repair existing fittings
- may work with plastic laminates, perspex and metals

Main employing industries

- Construction

Qualifications

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Certificate III in Carpentry and Joinery available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Carpentry available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Formwork/Falsework available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Joinery available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Joinery (Stairs) available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Shopfitting available as an apprenticeship or qualification

Certificate III in Timber Truss and Frame Design and Manufacture available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Timber Truss and Frame Manufacture available as a traineeship or qualification

Certificate IV in Timber Truss and Frame Design available as a traineeship or qualification

Apprenticeships and traineeships: Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).

Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

Job prospects and pay



- There are around 42,147 carpenters and joiners working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to decline in NSW.
- Employers report current state-wide carpenter and joiner shortages.

Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Carpenters and Joiners: \$1,120
- All occupations: \$1,200

Related jobs



- Bricklayer and Stonemason
- Cabinetmaker
- Glazier
- Plasterer
- Plumber
- Roof Tiler
- Wall and Floor Tiler
- Wood Machinist and Other Wood Trades Worker

To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit the [Job Guides Homepage](#).

Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, [joboutlook.gov.au](#), based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014