

# Cabinet Maker

Cabinetmakers fabricate and repair wooden furniture, and fit and assemble prepared wooden parts to make furniture.

## Job title examples



- Cabinet Maker
- Furniture Maker

## Other jobs in this field of work

## What cabinet makers do



- examine drawings, work orders and sample parts to determine specifications
- select and work with materials such as timber, veneers, particle board and synthetic wood
- mark out, cut and shape wood
- work from drawings and specifications to make furniture
- make fittings for boats, caravans and other items where fine detail is required
- assemble parts to form sections of furniture and completed articles
- fit hinges, locks, catches, drawers and shelves
- make frames for chairs and couches
- may repair and refurbish furniture and antiques

## Main employing industries



- Manufacturing

## Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

**Certificate III in Cabinet Making** available as an apprenticeship or qualification

**Certificate III in Furniture Making** 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 6,138 cabinetmakers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to remain stable in NSW.
- Employers report state-wide cabinetmaker shortages in NSW across various sectors, including the manufacture and installation of kitchens, hotel refurbishment work, commercial fit-outs and high-quality residential and commercial furniture.

### Average weekly full time earnings:

- Cabinet makers: \$966
- All occupations: \$1,200

## Related jobs



- Carpenter and Joiner
- 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