

# WHY NOT TRY...

# CARPENTRY

## What do Carpenters do?

Carpenters construct, erect, install, finish and repair wooden and metal structures and fixtures on residential and commercial buildings. They may also work on large concrete, steel and timber structures such as bridges, dams, power stations and civil engineering projects.

## Carpenters may perform the following tasks:

- > construct formwork into which concrete is poured
- > set out an outline of the building on the ground of the site, using string and pegs to allow for excavations
- > build floors, wall frameworks (timber or metal), roofs and suspended ceilings, and lay timber floors
- > read plans and specifications to determine the materials required, dimensions and installation processes
- > install metal and timber windows, sashes and doors
- > construct and erect prefabricated units, such as cottages and houses
- > cut materials with hand and power tools, and assemble or nail, cut and shape parts
- > install door handles, locks, hardware, flooring underlay, insulating material and other fixtures

## How do I become a Carpenter?

To become a Carpenter you usually have to complete an Apprenticeship in General Construction (Carpentry – Formwork/Framework/Finishing). Entry requirements may vary but employers generally require a minimum of Year 10. Training is usually both on and off the job. The off-the-job training is provided through Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), including Group Training Companies. Details of the training may vary depending on the needs of the employer and are finalised as part of the training agreement.

## Qualifying as a Carpenter involves:

- > Three to Four years commitment
- > Attending paid work with a “host employer” for the duration of the apprenticeship
- > Attending off-the-job training at an RTO

## Ideal personal requirements to be a Carpenter include:

- > Enjoy practical work and be able to work with your hands
- > A sense of balance and an ability to work at heights
- > Good at mathematics
- > Able to work as part of a team
- > Able to work hands on
- > Good sense of balance and ability to work at heights
- > Good health and eyesight



**How can I do an apprenticeship? Talk to your local RSW representative.**

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