

Carpenters tend to work with timber and similar materials to construct and repair the places where we live and work. They build shopfronts, homes, commercial spaces, construct film sets and museum exhibits, and fix custom furniture.

Most of the buildings you enter and every wooden structure you see has been shaped by a carpenter - it's a field in high demand in construction, manufacturing, and retail.



Growth Salary Field Size Hours Environment

Moderate Average Huge Standard Worksites

## **Common Tasks**

- Read plans & measure materials accurately
- Cut, shape & assemble timber structures
- Install frames, floors, roofs & fixtures
- Use power tools & hand tools safely
- Check quality & ensure work meets standards

## What you'd need to get there

This career pathway starts out with an apprenticeship, so search for openings in your local area and ask people in your network. Your apprenticeship will last about four years and after that you'll be fully qualified.

## This might suit you if...

You have a good eye for detail, the ability to be precise and patient, and enjoy working with your hands to create tangible results.

You can follow plans and designs, work safely with tools and equipment, and solve practical problems as they arise.

## If you want to find out more

Reach out to carpenters in your area and ask if you can have a chat, and get along to try-a-trade days.

