

# Carpentry and Joinery

**Level: 2**

**Duration: 27 months**

Carpentry and joinery professionals work with timber products across a wide range of settings, executing skilled craftwork to cut, shape, fit, and finish wood-based structures and fixtures.

## Apprenticeship overview

This apprenticeship provides the essential technical foundation needed to become a qualified carpenter or joiner. You will develop a deep understanding of timber materials and traditional woodworking skills, choosing to specialise either in on-site structural installations or workshop-based architectural manufacturing.

### Core skills, knowledge and behaviours you will learn

- Health and safety compliance within construction and manufacturing environment
- Reading and interpreting technical specifications, structural drawings, and building plans
- Selecting, estimating, and preparing appropriate timber, engineered boards, and structural fixes
- Safe operation, maintenance, and storage of hand tools, portable power tools, and cutting equipment
- Fundamental woodworking techniques, including precision jointing, cutting, and profiling
- Effective teamwork, communication, and sustainable working practices to reduce material waste

### In addition to the core content, you will choose one option from:

- Site Carpentry
- Architectural Joinery

### Typical job roles

- Site Carpenter
- Bench Joiner
- Architectural Joiner
- First/Second Fix Carpenter
- Maintenance Carpenter

### Where you might work

- Commercial and residential housing developments
- Domestic renovation, repair, and refurbishment projects
- Joinery workshops and bespoke timber manufacturing factories
- Heritage, conservation, and historical restoration settings



## Good to know!

Site carpentry frequently requires working outdoors in all weather conditions, at height on scaffolding, and in physically demanding environments.

Architectural joinery takes place indoors but demands strict adherence to machinery safety and a very high level of mathematical precision for detailed geometric layouts.

Apprentices are typically expected to gradually build up and look after their own personal kit of professional hand tools over the course of their training.