

## **7272 Carpenters**

Carpenters construct, erect, install, maintain and repair structures and components of structures made of wood, wood substitutes, lightweight steel and other materials. They are employed by construction companies, carpentry contractors, and maintenance departments of factories, plants and other establishments, or they may be self-employed.

### **Example Titles**

Apprentice Carpenter  
Carpenter  
Finish Carpenter  
Journeyman/woman Carpenter  
Maintenance Carpenter  
Metal framer – Carpentry  
Renovation Carpenter  
Rough Carpenter

### **Main Duties**

Carpenters perform some or all of the following duties:

- Read and interpret blueprints, drawings and sketches to determine specifications and calculate requirements;
- Prepare layouts in conformance to building codes, using measuring tools;
- Measure, cut, shape, assemble and join materials made of wood, wood substitutes, lightweight steel and other materials;
- Build foundations, install floor beams, lay sub-flooring and erect walls and roof systems;
- Fit and install trim items, such as doors, stairs, molding and hardware;
- Maintain, repair and renovate residences and wooden structures in mills, mines, hospitals, industrial plants and other establishments;
- Supervise apprentices and other construction workers;
- May prepare cost estimates for clients.

### **Employment Requirements**

- Completion of secondary school is usually required.
- Completion of a three- to four-year apprenticeship program  
*or*

A combination of over four years of work experience in the trade and some high school, college or industry courses in carpentry is usually required to be eligible for trade certification.

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- Trade certification is compulsory in Quebec and available but voluntary, in all other provinces and the territories.
- Interprovincial trade certification (Red Seal) is also available to qualified carpenters.

## **Additional Information**

- Progression to supervisory positions is possible with experience.
- Red Seal trade certification allows for inter-provincial mobility.

## **Classified Elsewhere**

Cabinetmakers (7272)

Supervisors of carpenters (in 7215 Contractors and Supervisors, Carpentry Trades)

Woodworking Machine Operators (9513)

## **Other Titles**

access floor specialist carpenter

apprentice boat carpenter

apprentice carpenter

apprentice carpenter-joiner

boat carpenter

boat joiner

boatbuilder, wood

boatbuilding apprentice

bridge carpenter

builder, wooden boats

building addition carpenter

building carpenter

carpenter

carpenter lead hand

carpenter rough

carpenter, bridges

carpenter, building additions

carpenter, concrete forms

carpenter, floor systems

carpenter, framing

carpenter, houses

carpenter, interior finish

carpenter, interior systems

carpenter, log homes

carpenter, maintenance

carpenter, manufactured houses

carpenter, mill

carpenter, mine

carpenter, plant

carpenter, prefabricated structures

carpenter, railway rolling stock

floor systems carpenter

form carpenter

framer-carpenter

framing carpenter

house carpenter

interior finish carpenter

interior finish joiner

interior systems carpenter

interior trimmer carpenter

joiner, railway rolling stock

journeyman carpenter

journeyman/woman carpenter

journeywoman carpenter

log home builder

log home carpenter

log home carpenter-builder

maintenance carpenter

maintenance carpenter-joiner

maintenance joiner

metal framer - carpentry

mill carpenter

mine carpenter

plant carpenter

prefabricated house carpenter

renovation carpenter

restoration carpenter

rough carpenter

ship joiner

shipbuilding carpenter

shipbuilding joiner

shipwright, wood

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carpenter, renovation  
carpenter, restoration  
carpenter, shipbuilding  
carpenter, studio  
carpenter-joiner  
carpentry repairman  
carpentry repairman/woman  
carpentry repairwoman  
concrete forms carpenter  
construction carpenter  
dock carpenter  
finish carpenter

sign carpenter  
stage carpenter  
stair builder-carpenter  
stairway carpenter  
steel framer - carpentry  
steel stud framer - carpentry  
studio carpenter  
wood frame carpenter  
wood frame house carpenter  
wood shipwright  
wooden boatbuilder

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