



ABOUT THIS CAREER

Carpenters construct, maintain and repair structures made of wood and wood substitutes, steel, concrete and other materials. Their duties vary according to job type, including residential, commercial, industrial or maintenance, and some specialize in one type of work. Carpenters can work with construction companies, carpentry contractors and maintenance departments, or can be self-employed.

55,810 CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS NEEDED BY 2030*

**BuildForce Canada*

Contact the local union for more information on hourly pay, benefits, pensions and more.

"I like that there is so much variety in the work I can do."



You have precision and mechanical skills.



You enjoy working indoors and outdoors.



You have good balance, physical strength and creativity.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read and interpret blueprints, drawings and instructions
- Calculate requirements and prepare layouts to follow building codes
- Select, measure, cut, shape and assemble materials
- Build foundations, house framework and concrete forms such as tunnels and bridges
- Fit and install windows, doors, flooring, walls, stairs, roof systems, mouldings and hardware
- Maintain, repair and remodel all kinds of existing structures

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Entrance Requirements

Usually a combination of work experience in the trade, plus some high school, college or industry courses in carpentry to be eligible for certification.

Apprenticeship Program:

XX years, includes technical training, on-the-job training and exam. Journeyman certificate awarded after successful completion. As an apprentice, you also earn while you learn.

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

- Strong communication skills, reading and numeracy
- Physical strength
- Attention to detail
- Problem-solving skills
- Dexterity
- Mechanical skills

DID YOU KNOW?

Carpenters are usually on construction projects from the start to the finish. If you are handy or enjoy using hand and power tools, carpentry may be for you.