

## JOB OF THE WEEK

### What is it?

**Carpenter** – Carpenters are skilled craftsmen who work in the construction and cabinet making industry. They fabricate all sorts of wood constructions, from entire frameworks of buildings, to custom kitchens or ornate details on wood trim.

### Day to day tasks

- discuss plans and job instructions with clients or site managers.
- cut and shape timber for floorboards, doors, skirting boards and window frames.
- make and fit structures like staircases, door frames, roof timbers and partition walls.
- assemble fitted and free-standing furniture.
- install kitchens, cupboards and shelving.
- fit interiors in shops, bars, restaurants, offices and public buildings.
- construct stage sets for theatre, film and TV productions.

### Qualifications

**4/5 GCSEs – grades 9 – 4 including English and Maths**

### Salary

Starting salary for carpenters are typically between **£21,276 and £27,560**. You could consider starting your own business.

### Jobs and labour market

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
<b>£530</b>	<b>£27,560</b>
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
<b>45h</b>	<b>£12</b>

#### Workforce Change (projected)

Contraction	Replacement
<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>50.7%</b>

The workforce is projected to contract by -1.4% over the period to 2027, losing 3,500 jobs. In the same period, 50.7% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 122,300 job openings.

### Routes into the industry

- You can get into this job through:
  - a college course.
  - an apprenticeship
  - you'll need a [Construction Skills Certification Scheme](#) (CSCS) card or equivalent to train and work on a construction site.