

Key Skills

- knowledge of building and construction
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of Maths
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to work well with your hands
- the ability to use, repair and maintain machines and tools
- the ability to work on your own
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Salary

£17,000 - £38,000

Working hours

40-45 per week
hours could be unsociable
including evenings and weekends

Carpenter

Career tips

Start by building up foundational skills and learning how to use hand and power tools. For a more in-depth approach, take some courses in carpentry or even earn a degree. To gain relevant experience, volunteer for a building organisation, work on a construction crew, or become a carpenter's apprentice.



College

In order to qualify, you must:

- Do a level 2 or 3 Diploma in Bench Joinery
- Do a Level 2 or Level 3 Diploma In Site Carpentry
- T Level in On site Construction

Entry requirements

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths for a T Level

Apprenticeship

You could apply to do a:

- Carpentry and Joinery Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship
- Craft Carpentry and Joinery Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship, with a focus on site carpentry or architectural joinery
- Wood Product Manufacturing Operative Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship, which includes furniture making

These can take up to 2 years to complete and combine on-the-job training with time at a college or training provider.

Entry requirements

Employers will set their own entry requirements.

Career path and progression

With experience, you could become a site supervisor or construction project manager. You could also move into, construction estimating, starting your own business, training apprentices, teaching at a further education and much more.

Day to Day tasks:

In this role you could:

- 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
- build wooden supports called shuttering which holds concrete that has not dried yet in place
- fit interiors in shops, bars, restaurants, offices and public buildings
- construct stage sets for theatre, film and TV productions

Working conditions

You could work in a workshop, at a client's business, on a construction site or at a client's home. Your working environment may be dusty, at height and you'll travel often. You may also need to wear protective clothing.

Labour Market Information

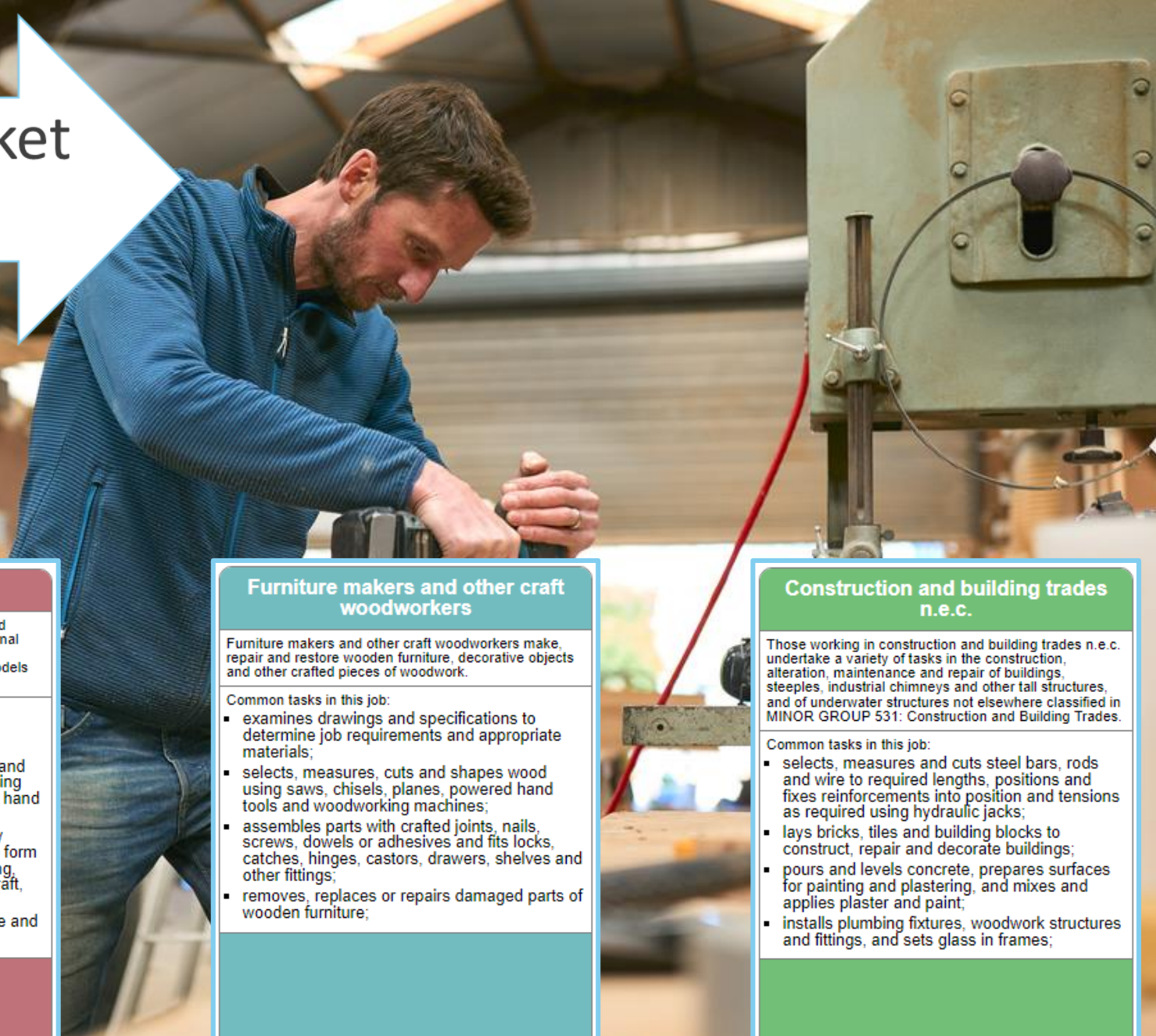
In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Carpenters and joiners	
Weekly Pay £530	Annual Pay £27,560
Hours/Week 45h	Hourly Pay £12
Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -1.1%	Replacement 50.9%
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -1.1% over the period to 2027, losing 2,500 jobs. In the same period, 50.9% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 122,300 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Specialised construction Construction Civil engineering Wood, etc Furniture</p>	
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Furniture makers and other craft woodworkers	
Weekly Pay £470	Annual Pay £24,440
Hours/Week 40h	Hourly Pay £12
Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -4.8%	Replacement 71%
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -4.8% over the period to 2027, losing 1,700 jobs. In the same period, 71% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 25,900 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Furniture Specialised construction Wood, etc Other manufacturing Construction</p>	
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Construction and building trades n.e.c.	
Weekly Pay £590	Annual Pay £30,680
Hours/Week 44h	Hourly Pay £13
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<p>You might find this job in Construction Specialised construction Civil engineering Real estate Services to buildings</p>	
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Labour Market Information



Carpenters and joiners

Carpenters and joiners construct, erect, install and repair wooden structures and fittings used in internal and external frameworks and cut, shape, fit and assemble wood to make templates, jigs, scale models and scenic equipment for theatres.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines drawings and specifications to determine job requirements;
- selects and measures appropriate wood and cuts, shapes and drills to specification using saws, planes, chisels and other power or hand tools;
- aligns and fixes prepared wood pieces by screwing, nailing, gluing and dowelling to form frames, shop fronts, counter units, decking, theatrical sets, furniture, small wooden craft, scale models and wooden templates;
- checks accuracy of work with square, rule and spirit level;

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Furniture makers and other craft woodworkers

Furniture makers and other craft woodworkers make, repair and restore wooden furniture, decorative objects and other crafted pieces of woodwork.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines drawings and specifications to determine job requirements and appropriate materials;
- selects, measures, cuts and shapes wood using saws, chisels, planes, powered hand tools and woodworking machines;
- assembles parts with crafted joints, nails, screws, dowels or adhesives and fits locks, catches, hinges, castors, drawers, shelves and other fittings;
- removes, replaces or repairs damaged parts of wooden furniture;

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Construction and building trades n.e.c.

Those working in construction and building trades n.e.c. undertake a variety of tasks in the construction, alteration, maintenance and repair of buildings, steeples, industrial chimneys and other tall structures, and of underwater structures not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 531: Construction and Building Trades.

Common tasks in this job:

- selects, measures and cuts steel bars, rods and wire to required lengths, positions and fixes reinforcements into position and tensions as required using hydraulic jacks;
- lays bricks, tiles and building blocks to construct, repair and decorate buildings;
- pours and levels concrete, prepares surfaces for painting and plastering, and mixes and applies plaster and paint;
- installs plumbing fixtures, woodwork structures and fittings, and sets glass in frames;

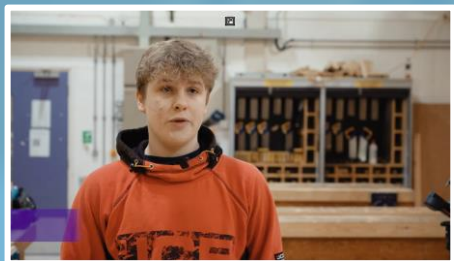
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Level 2 Carpentry



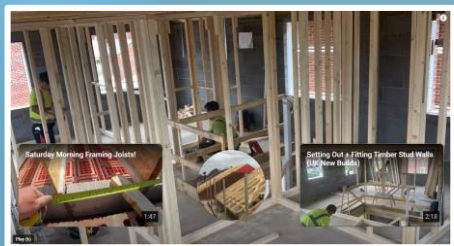
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Carpentry at Boston College



[Boston College Carpentry - YouTube](#)

Site Joinery



[Site Joinery 1st Fix - Day 1!](#)

Apprentice Carpentry Tips



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Useful Websites

[Carpenters and Joiners | Career profile | UCAS](#)

[How to become a carpenter in the UK – CCCG](#)

[Carpentry and Joinery qualifications and training courses | City & Guilds](#)