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## WHO ARE THEY?

Carpenters construct, erect, install, maintain and repair structures and components of structures made of wood, wood substitutes, lightweight steel and other materials.



## WHERE THEY WORK

They are employed by construction companies, carpentry contractors, and maintenance departments of factories, plants and other establishments, or they may be self-employed.

# MAIN 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

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.



Build foundations, install floor beams, lay subflooring and erect walls and roof systems

Fit and install trim items, such as doors, stairs, moulding and hardware

# 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.

Trade certification for carpenters is compulsory in Quebec and available, but voluntary, in all other provinces and the territories.

Trade certification for framers is available, but voluntary, in Saskatchewan.

Red Seal endorsement is also available to qualified carpenters upon successful completion of the interprovincial Red Seal examination.

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