

# Joiner



**Description** Joiners cut, shape and fit timber parts in workshops to form structures and fixtures, ready for installation. They work mainly on the internal fittings of a building such as window frames, sashes, doors and staircases making patterns, balustrades and mouldings.

- Typical duties**
- manufacture items such as window frames, sashes and doors;
  - manufacture architectural joinery and staircases;
  - interpret working drawings or plans;
  - select materials and mark out components required for manufacture to specific designs;
  - set up and maintain static machinery;
  - set up and maintain computerised woodworking machines.

- Personal requirements**
- enjoy practical and manual work;
  - enjoy working with wood;
  - good hand-eye coordination
  - a sense of balance;
  - some mathematics ability;
  - good health and eyesight;
  - able to work as part of a team.

**Qualification** Certificate III in Off-Site Construction (Joinery – Timber/Aluminium/Glass)

**Entry pathway** Entry to this occupation is through an apprenticeship. Completion of a pre-apprenticeship course can decrease the length of time for the traditional apprenticeship. Apprentices may either be employed in a contract of training before enrolling at a college, or complete a pre-apprenticeship course before entering a contract of training.



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**Job prospects** Employment prospects depend on the level of activity in the building construction industry. This is affected by government policy on interest rates, spending on major projects and the availability of finance to homebuyers.

Statistically, Joiners are linked with Carpenters. The vacancy level for Carpenters and Joiners is average. Vacancies arising from job changing (Carpenters and Joiners changing employers) are expected to provide 54 per cent of vacancies, compared with 43 per cent from job openings (Carpenters and Joiners leaving the occupation) and 3 per cent from new jobs.

**Specialisation** With further training and experience joiners can become forepersons, managers, building inspectors, technical teachers, estimators, or purchasing officers.

**Related Jobs**

- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Shopfitter
- Wood Carver
- Wood Machinist
- Wood Turner

**Further information**

- Big Plans [[www.bigplans.com.au/](http://www.bigplans.com.au/)]
- Be Constructive [[www.beconstructive.com.au/](http://www.beconstructive.com.au/)]
- Group Training Australia [[www.gtaltd.com.au/](http://www.gtaltd.com.au/)]