



LIVE YOUR PASSION

**What does it
take to become a
Joiner/Carpenter?**



Joiners and Cabinetmakers use timber and board products to make fittings such as cabinets, doors, window frames, stairs and furniture.

They discuss clients' requirements, provide quotes, draw diagrams and plans, and measure, cut, assemble, sand and finish materials, usually timber and plywood, to make items. They fit the finished products in clients' homes or businesses.

Skills and Knowledge

Joiners And Cabinetmakers have strong woodworking and machinery skills. They have knowledge of how different material respond to being cut, glued, filed and sanded, and are able to read plans and technical drawings. Their work environment requires them to have knowledge of health and safety procedures and first aid. They are skilled in caring for and maintaining joinery equipment.

They also possess good computer skills to calculate specifications and costs, or create designs.

Training

To qualify as a Joiner and Cabinetmaker, you can enroll at registered training institutions for a three-year training course, which

includes compulsory industry apprenticeship, that will prepare you for a career in Joinery and Cabinetmaking, where you are capable of working with raw material and seeing a piece of wood come together as a finished product.

As you progress through the training programme, you will become familiar with the draughting of carpentry work, and the interpretation of technical plans. You will also learn to build comfort according to client specifications, and maintain equipment and tools. Three-year training course, which includes compulsory industry apprenticeship

Working Conditions

Joiners and Cabinetmakers usually work regular hours, but may have to work longer hours to meet deadlines. They may work in small joinery workshops or large furniture and fittings factories, where conditions can be noisy and dusty. Sometimes, they may travel to homes or construction sites to take measurements or install finished products.

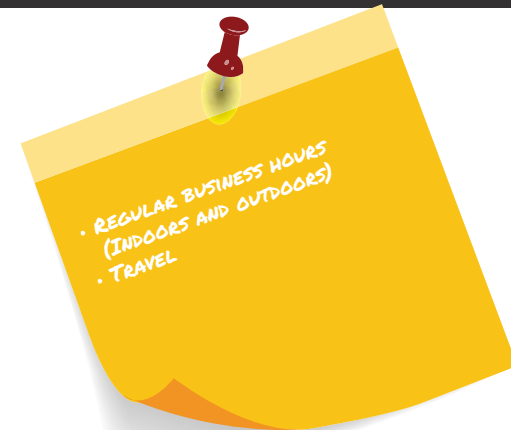
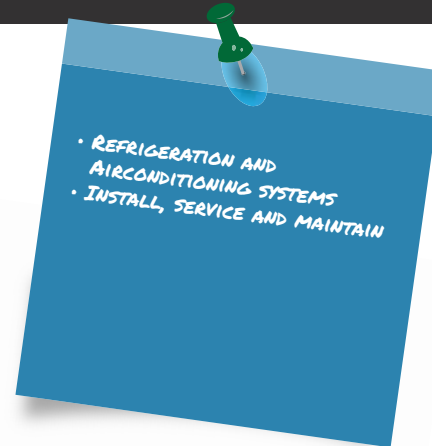
Job Prospects

Chances of getting employed as a Joiner and Cabinetmaker are good due to the boom in commercial and residential construction



projects. Remuneration varies depending on experience and level of responsibility. Joiners and Cabinetmakers may earn more if they work overtime, are on call, or are self-employed.

You too can live your passion and become a Joiner and Cabinetmaker. They need to have steady hands, good hand-eye co-ordination and be reasonably fit and strong, as there may be some heavy lifting required. If you are alert and safety-conscious when using tools and machinery; accurate, with an eye for detail; able to visualise a finished product; able to follow instructions and good at problem solving, you are a good candidate.



It was a true case of humble beginnings.
My machinery arrived and I was able to take on jobs and grow my customer base. That was 2009. The rest, as they say, is history.

