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## What is a **Carpenter?**

A carpenter is one of the most sought after trades, due to their broad scope of work. They need a great variety of skills to ensure they stay in high demand. Carpenters most commonly work with timber and steel when installing fixtures and fittings. As a carpenter you could be installing doors, floors and framework in new builds, renovating or refitting existing structures, working on high rise commercial developments and much more.

## What does the **job** involve?

- **Reading** plans and specifications
- **Setting out** an outline of the building on site on the ground to allow for excavations
- **Erecting** floor and wall framework (timber/metal)
- **Laying** timber floors
- **Installing** metal and timber windows and sashes, and metal and timber doors
- **Constructing** and erecting prefabricated units

## How do I get into **this career?**

The most common pathway is via an apprenticeship. However, a carpenter can start as a Trade Assistant or Labourer, then, after a few years, have their skills assessed through a process called Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to obtain a trade qualification.

## What **training** should I do?



## More information

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