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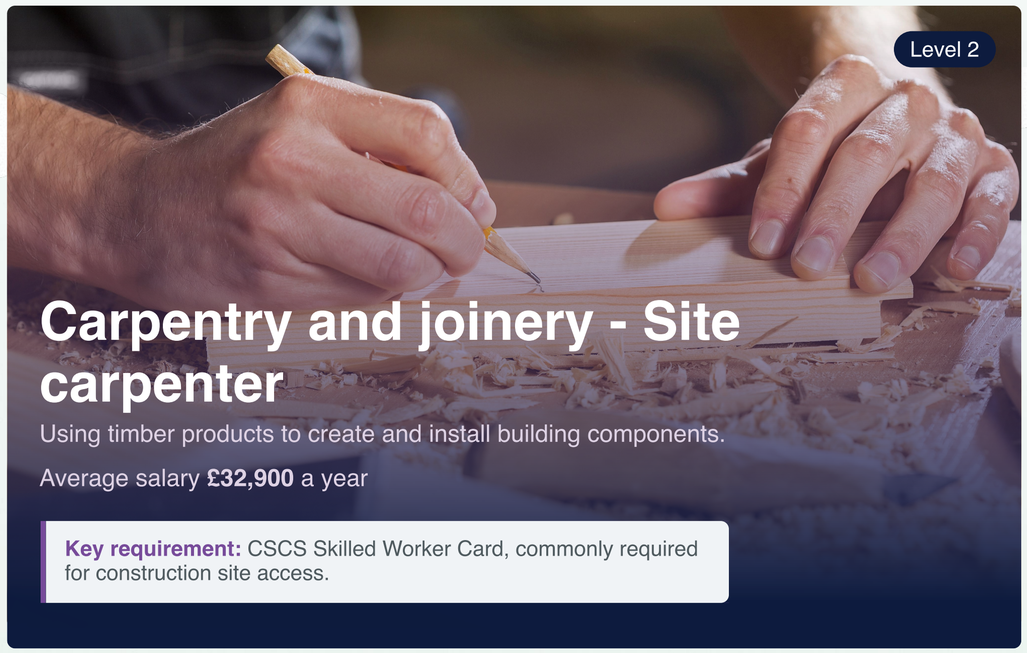
Carpentry and joinery - Site carpenter

Also known as: Carpenter

Skills England

ROUTES TO A CAREER



Level 2

Carpentry and joinery - Site carpenter

Using timber products to create and install building components.

Average salary **£32,900** a year

Key requirement: CSCS Skilled Worker Card, commonly required for construction site access.

Where this job could lead

With experience and further learning you could progress to:

Craft site carpenter · Lead carpenter · Site manager · Site supervisor · Construction manager · Construction project manager

Other ways in

You might also be able to move into this job from:

Construction labourer roles · Carpenter's mate roles · Kitchen installer roles · Bench joiner roles · Fitted interior installer roles

Start here

Did you know? You can move between technical and academic pathways.

Technical route

Gain practical skills through vocational qualifications, apprenticeships and real-world experience.

Level 2

GCSEs / vocational GCSEs
May include English language, mathematics, design and technology, construction, engineering or science

Foundation apprenticeship
Onsite trades

Apprenticeship
Carpentry and joinery – site carpenter

Diploma/certificate/NVQ
May include carpentry and joinery, site carpentry, bench joinery, wood occupations, construction operations, building craft, property maintenance or building services

Academic route

Study classroom-based qualifications and progress to higher education.

Level 2

GCSEs / vocational GCSEs
May include English language, mathematics, design and technology, construction, engineering or science

Further learning options

Level 3

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Onsite construction

Diploma or extended diploma
Typically carpentry, joinery or construction trades

Level 4

Apprenticeship
Construction site supervisor

HNC or Level 4 diploma
Typically construction, construction management or building studies

Level 5

HND or foundation degree
Typically construction management, building studies or construction engineering

Level 6

Apprenticeship
Construction site manager

Degree
Typically construction management, building surveying or construction engineering

Gain experience and develop your skills

Job shadowing
Shadowing qualified carpenters on construction and refurbishment projects.

Work experience
Placements with construction firms, carpentry contractors or property maintenance teams.

Clubs and enrichment
STEM clubs, construction skills competitions or woodworking clubs.

Volunteering
Assisting with community building or refurbishment projects.

Projects
Timber construction, joinery and installation projects.

The routes shown are examples and do not include every option. You do not need to complete every stage shown, and people may enter or progress at different points depending on their skills and experience.
Based on Skills England occupational standards and the UK Standard Skills Classification. Qualification names are examples; availability varies by provider.