

Apprenticeship Training Programme

Phase 1: With Employer

Induction Training
Introduction to Health & Safety
Introduction to Tools & Equipment
Introduction to Basic Skills

Phase 2: Delivered in Training Centre (21 weeks)

Course Content:
Tools and Joints
1st Fixing and Site Works
Timber Roofs
Joints in Moulded Timber
Joinery
2nd Fixing Activities
Team Leadership
Communications

Phase 3: With Employer

Work Based Training and Assessments

Phase 4: Delivered in Educational Colleges (11 weeks)

Course Content:
1st Fixing and Site Works
Timber Roofs
Joinery
2nd Fixing Activities
Team Leadership
Communications

Phase 5: With Employer

Work Based Training and Assessments

Phase 6: Delivered in Educational Colleges (10 weeks)

Course Content:
1st Fixing and Site Works
Timber Roofs
Joinery
2nd Fixing Activities
Team Leadership
Communications

Phase 7: With Employer

Work Based Training and Assessments

You will be assessed throughout your apprenticeship by a range of assessment instruments. These include theory, practical, portfolio and coursework assessments.

The overall duration of this apprenticeship is a minimum of 4 years provided all phases are successfully completed. On successful completion of the programme the learner is awarded a Level 6 Advanced Certificate Craft – Carpentry & Joinery.

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The Craft of Carpentry & Joinery



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 **Apprenticeship**
KNOWLEDGE | SKILLS | COMPETENCE

What is a Carpenter and Joiner?

The Carpenter and Joiner cuts, shapes and joins wood and wood based products using a wide range of hand tools, eg hammer, saw, planes and chisels. They also use power tools and machines.

Carpenters and Joiners use their skills to set out and construct roofs, install floors, stairs and window, built-in furniture and hang doors. They also manufacture doors, windows, stairs and shopfronts, etc.

The Carpenter and Joiner has to study drawings, perform craft calculations and select materials to meet design requirements. Site work includes the construction of buildings and houses which require first and second fixing, including roofing. The place of work may vary, depending on the type of work done could be on site, in a workshop or in a private dwelling.

Carpenters and Joiners require many skills including:

- Working with a variety of specialised hand and power tools
- Knowledge of setting out, production and assembly of joinery, which includes stairs, doors, windows, floors, roofs and built-in furniture.
- Interpreting technical drawings and specifications
- Planning and organising work schedules
- Liaising with other Craftspersons
- Knowledge of and working to Health and Safety requirements

Personal Qualities and Skills

As a Carpenter and Joiner you will need to be physically active and to be able to work with your hands. An awareness of health and safety and good housekeeping is essential as well as attention to detail and an eye for the aesthetic.

The Carpenter and Joiner must have the ability to:

- Plan and organise
- Communicate effectively
- Solve problems
- Work independently and as part of a team
- Show a positive attitude
- Recognise the need for good customer relations
- Demonstrate good work practices including time keeping, tidiness, responsibility, quality awareness and safety awareness

Aspects of work

- Learning and developing new practical craft-related skills, knowledge and competence
- Working with and learning from experienced Craftspersons
- Seeing a job through from start to finish
- Comply with Health and Safety requirements
- Working with wood and allied materials
- Being accurate with measuring and craft calculations
- Working with technical drawings and diagrams
- Working with hand and power tools or machinery
- Operating, controlling and adjusting equipment/machines
 - Accuracy and attention to detail
- Being well organised and careful with practical tasks
- Working at heights
- Lifting or carrying heavy items
- Taking responsibility for own learning, including the allocation of study time
- Can be based in a workshop, factory or construction site
- Being physically active
- Passing all your phase exams (theory, practicals skills demonstration)
- Earning as you learn

How to become an Apprentice

- You must obtain employment as an apprentice in your chosen occupation.
- The employer must be approved to train apprentices.
- The employer must register you as an apprentice within two weeks of recruitment.
- In certain crafts, apprenticeship applicants are required to pass a colour vision test approved by SOLAS.

Entry Requirements

The minimum age at which the employment of an apprentice may commence is 16 years of age.

The minimum educational requirements are:

1. Grade D in five subjects in the Department of Education & Skills Junior Certificate Examination or an approved equivalent,

or

2. The successful completion of an approved Pre-Apprenticeship course

or

3. Three years' work experience gained over sixteen years of age in a relevant designated industrial activity as SOLAS shall deem acceptable

It should be noted that these are the current approved **minimum educational requirements** for apprenticeship programmes, however, previous experience of the following subjects would be an advantage but not essential: Mathematics, Technical Drawing/Graphics, Materials Technology and Construction Studies.

Opportunities on Qualification

On successful completion of the apprenticeship programme, apprentices are qualified to work within the recognised trade or profession.

Where apprentices and craftspersons have the necessary ability, initiative and basic qualifications, opportunities are available for advancement.

These include advanced technology courses and management courses which are available in Institutes of Technology, Schools of Management and Professional Institutes.

Many apprentices use their apprenticeship qualification as a platform to launch careers such as engineers, managers, owners of businesses, teachers and instructors amongst others.