

Carpentry & Joinery

Apprenticeship Level 3

Recruiting an apprentice can be a smart, cost-effective way of taking on a new carpenter or joiner or to upskill an existing member of staff.

This apprenticeship will prepare your trainee to work in one of two scenarios: either on a construction site or in domestic and commercial premises, to given specifications, carrying out first and second fixing, erecting complex structural carcassing components (trussed rafter roofs, traditional cut roofs); or, alternatively, in a joiner's shop using drawings to produce complex wood products to given specifications, such as doors, frames, linings, staircases and hand rails.

Your trainee will gain in-depth knowledge and support to perfect their techniques and skills, to master time management to meet deadlines, and to work as part of a team.

After completing this apprenticeship, your trainee will be able to work as a skilled carpenter on new builds, refurbishments or specialist areas, or as a skilled joiner producing a variety of wood products. They may also be in a position to progress onwards to work in a supervisory or managerial role.

Key Areas of Study

There are two vocational qualifications to this apprenticeship: firstly, a Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery; secondly, a Level 3 NVQ in Wood Occupations.

Your trainee will cover essential knowledge, skills and competencies in both the technical diploma and the NVQ. The menu of units is detailed below, including optional units from which you and your trainee can select the areas of most importance to your organisation.

Quick Information:

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Sector:

Construction

Who is it for?

New recruits and existing staff

Start date:

Flexible to suit employers

Level:

Level 3

Duration:

Minimum 12 months

How does it work?

Delivered in your workplace with one day a week at College and assessor visits every 6 to 8 weeks

Content:

Key competence and knowledge to suit your organisation

Assessment:

Work-based assessments throughout the course and theory and practical tests at College

Qualification:

Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery

Level 3 NVQ in Wood Occupations



Technical diploma units

Mandatory units

- Health, safety and welfare in construction
- Principles of organising, planning and pricing construction work

Bench Joinery pathway units

- Set up and use fixed and transportable machinery
- Manufacture shaped doors and frames
- Manufacture stairs with turns

Site Carpentry pathway units

- Carry out first fix flooring and roofing
- Carry out second fixing operations
- Carry out first fix roofing and stairs
- Carry out second fixing double doors and mouldings
- Set up and use fixed and transportable machinery

NVQ units

Mandatory units

- Conforming to general health, safety and welfare in the workplace
- Confirming the occupational method of work in the workplace
- Confirming work activities and resources for an occupational work area in the workplace

Trainees also cover units in Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery in their NVQ, which is determined by the type of work carried out on site.

Training, Tutoring and Assessment

The whole programme takes 12 months to complete. Your trainee will mainly learn on the job, but the apprenticeship also includes 20% off-the-job training. Over the 12-month period, your apprentice will spend four days a week working with you on site as a trainee and the other one day a week in College building their skills and knowledge.

Whilst at College, your apprentice will receive training to cover the technical diploma units of the qualification. The technical diploma is assessed through unit theory tests and practical end tests carried out in the College's workshop.

For the NVQ, assessment involves building a portfolio of evidence gathered in the workplace which demonstrates that trainees have covered the range of skills required for their qualification.

We will support you and your trainee through regular one-to-one visits by a trained assessor every six to eight weeks. These visits will cover one-to-one support and individual learning, as well as observations to assess your trainee's competencies in the workplace and a review of their portfolio of evidence.

Apprentice Entry Requirements

Apprentices will be required to have 4 x GCSEs with minimum Grades D / 3 (or equivalents), including English and Maths, prior to being accepted onto this apprenticeship. In addition, if they haven't done so already, apprentices must achieve Level 2 Functional Skills in English and Maths. We will provide any English and Maths tuition required.

Experience in the industry is essential.

Future/Other Opportunities

- Advanced Apprenticeship in Construction & the Built Environment Level 3
- Higher Apprenticeship in Construction Management Level 4
- NVQ in Construction supervision / management

Successful completion of this course enables learners to apply for the CSCS Gold (Advanced Craft) card.

More information

To find out more about the opportunities and financing of apprenticeships and to discuss your particular requirements, please email employer@sheffcol.ac.uk or call **0114 260 2600** to speak to one of our friendly employer advisors.

Why choose The Sheffield College?

As one of the region's largest providers of apprenticeships, The Sheffield College is more than just your local provider; we deliver the dedicated support you need to source, train and get the best out of your apprentice.

We have undertaken significant capital investment in supporting our construction trades provision. Staff are fully qualified and have vast experience within the industry, continuing to work on site themselves in some cases. This ensures that we stay up to date with the latest industry techniques and any new materials that come on to the market. It also means that we can relate well to trainees' own experiences in the workplace and provide pastoral support in addition to guidance related to the course.

We appreciate how difficult and time consuming it can be to recruit staff. That's why, when you recruit an apprentice with us, our dedicated apprenticeship recruitment service, Job Connect, will advertise the vacancy, engage your candidates and even pre-screen them to make the process as easy as possible for you.

We help you get the best deal by finding the right funding and we handle the paperwork to make the process of arranging an apprenticeship training programme as smooth as possible. Our employer partnership team, apprenticeship tutors and assessment staff are experts, and we invest time and money in training and upskilling them regularly so their knowledge is up-to-date and industry standard.

At The Sheffield College we go above and beyond; we know that every business is different and we help to develop apprentices who will meet the needs of your business.

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