



Joiner

Description

Joiners create, install, fit and maintain wooden furniture and joinery used in construction industry: windows, doors, wooden roofs, fences and the like. Their area of work includes making, restoring and refining of wooden furniture. The latter is where aesthetic and decorative side of this profession are particularly exposed. Joiners mainly process wood and wooden panels (chipboard, panels) by grinders and drillers, cut them to size, coat them with varnish, paint, bleach to protect material from harmful external effects. In addition to the manual work, they use partially computer-controlled machines (CNC), and are responsible for their adjustments, maintenance and sharpening of hand tools. Joiners have expert knowledge of wood properties and types of wood processing, they are familiar with the technical drawing and can read blueprints. The joiner makes furniture and wooden elements based on the sketch and drawing, determines necessary material, makes and processes according to sketches, then joins parts, fits and installs finished products. Depending on what a specific assignment requires, he may work alone or in teams, in one or more shifts. The joiner's job is generally carried out indoors, where he is exposed to noise and dust or outdoors, in case of the construction joiner.

Such a large number of activities make joiner's job versatile and interesting. However, considering that joiner uses sharp tools and machines in his work, he must be responsible, precise, skilful and agile so that he could make his customers and clients satisfied. If he runs his own business and works to order, he needs to have good communication skills. According to customer's needs and wishes, the joiner calculates prices, takes necessary measurements, makes sketches, orders all necessary material and delivers the finished product within the agreed period of time.

Desirable traits/requirements

- Manual dexterity/ hand skills;
- Agility and physical endurance;
- Good eyesight and precision;
- Sense of shape and colour;
- Spatial orientation;
- Patience;
- Responsibility and reliability;
- Communication skills;
- Being well-organized;
- Teamwork.

Positive aspects:

- The joiner's job is diverse: various types of wood are processed into a wide range of products which help shape our living and working space. If they are so inclined, creativity and aesthetics come to the fore. If the joiner runs his own business, he can plan the entire work process by himself.

Negative aspects:

- The joiner's work requires precision down to the last millimetre and careful handling of machines and sharp tools. Generally, the work is done by standing in the noisy environment. Communication with customers may sometimes be very challenging, as it is necessary to match their wishes with what is plausible.

Career path/ fields of work

The joiner's job requires completion of a three-year secondary vocational education.

Joiners have various fields of work, they may work in the wood processing and furniture industry, in construction industry, in furniture stores as fitters or servicemen, in joinery workshops or be self-employed contractors.