



HOW TO BECOME A JOINER

WORKING AS A JOINER CAN BE A VARIED AND EXCITING CAREER

THIS LEAFLET CONTAINS USEFUL INFORMATION TO HELP GET YOU STARTED

USEFUL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Time and resource management
- Good communication skills
- The ability to work on your own and as a team
- Attention to detail
- Dependability
- Implementing ideas
- Developing a plan

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for courses/apprenticeships can change.

Always contact the college, university or training provider to check exactly what you'll need.

To begin an apprenticeship, you must be employed.

There are no formal qualifications required to enter a modern apprenticeship, but some employers will ask for qualifications at SCQF Level 4/5.

The education and training route can be found overleaf.

HELPFUL TO HAVE

Qualifications and experience that show an understanding of the industry and practical ability such as Skills for Work: Construction (SCQF Level 4/5).



QUALIFICATIONS

An Apprenticeship leading to a relevant Scottish Vocational Qualification in Carpentry and Joinery (SVQ Level 3).

DAY-TO-DAY TASKS

Depending on where you work, your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Discussing plans and following instructions.
- Cutting and shaping timber for floorboards, doors, skirting boards, and window frames.
- Making and fitting wooden structures like staircases, door frames, roof timbers and partition walls.
- Making and assembling fitted and free-standing furniture.
- Installing kitchens, cupboards, and shelving.
- Making and fitting interiors in shops, bars, restaurants, offices, and public buildings.
- Construction and erection of timber kit houses.
- Constructing stage sets for theatre, film, and TV productions.



OTHER INFORMATION

You must hold a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card or equivalent and pass a health and safety test to work and train on most construction sites. This will usually be gained during the apprenticeship.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

You may be required to work outdoors, at height and in cramped, dusty conditions.

Your place of work will vary and could include a workshop, construction site or a business or private residence.

You may need to travel often and will need to wear Personal Protective Equipment where appropriate.

HOW MUCH CAN I EARN?

£16k – £40k. Average Salary £29,640.

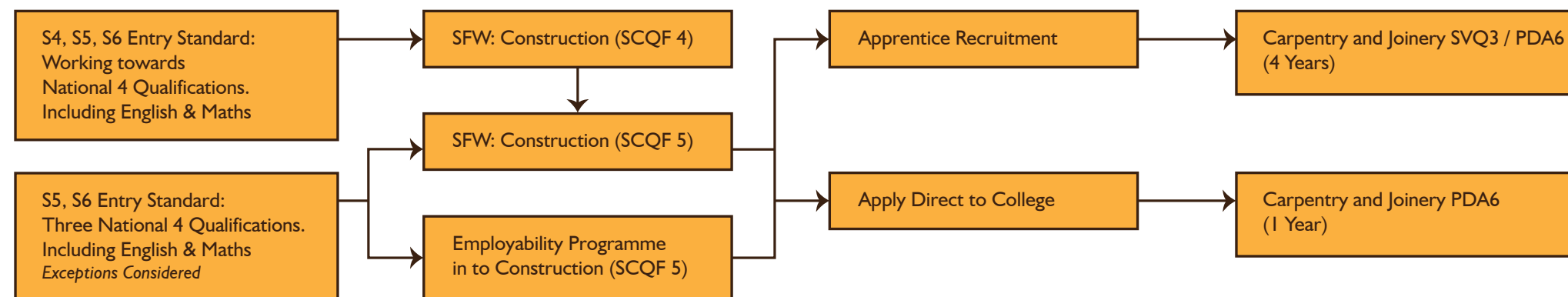
OPPORTUNITIES

Becoming a Joiner offers opportunities throughout industry, a joiner plays a vital role in construction across all sectors. You could work for a construction or engineering company, or if you would like to be your own boss, you could become self-employed.



YOUR EDUCATION & TRAINING ROUTE

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BEING A JOINER CAN OFFER VARIED AND EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

NOW IN THE THIRD YEAR OF HIS APPRENTICESHIP, HAYDEN MACKAY, SHARES HIS JOURNEY SO FAR

I grew up in Lybster and attended Wick High School. I have always had a keen interest in Carpentry and Joinery and the construction industry in general.

I performed well in school but my real passion was working with wood, so I was delighted that I had the opportunity to enrol in the NAT 4 Skills for Work: Construction programme with North Highland College UHI, while in 3rd year at High School. I really enjoyed this course, so progressed onto the NAT 5 Skills for Work: Construction course in 4th year.

This programme was a great introduction to the wider construction industry and the various trades within the industry.

When I left school, I was unsuccessful in gaining an apprenticeship as the competition is fierce, so I applied for the pre-apprenticeship programme

at North Highland College UHI called EPIC – Employability Programme in Construction. The EPIC programme was excellent, I gained a lot of knowledge and learned to safely use various power and hand tools; further building on the understanding and skills I had carried

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forward from the Skills for Work programme. I also made some great friends along the way. At the start of the course, I received an excellent quality tool kit that I was able to keep upon completion of the course, which was a real bonus and helped me when I went out on placement at the end of the year. My placement was with D. Dunnett Joinery in Wick. The time spent on placement was extremely valuable and I was able to put in to use some of the skills I had already learnt. After the 6-week placement ended, I was offered an apprenticeship and could not wait to get started on the next step of my career. In my first year at college as an Apprentice, I won Apprentice of the Year and was selected to represent North Highland College UHI in the Scottish Association of Timber Trade Teachers' (SATT) annual Carpentry / Joinery

Inter-college competition, where every college in Scotland is represented by an apprentice. I am now in my 3rd year and progressing well. I am glad that I chose this path as I see it as just the beginning of my career, with lots of options for further study and progression into many construction related careers. It's exciting to think about where a career in the construction industry will lead.

Hayden Mackay

**Carpentry and Joinery Apprentice
D. Dunnett Joinery**

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

More information can be found by visiting the following websites:

DYW North Highlands
dywnh.info

My World of Work
myworldofwork.co.uk

North Highland College
northhighland.uhi.ac.uk

Apprenticeships.Scot
apprenticeships.scot

Construction Skills Certification Scheme
cscs.uk.com



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