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## Carpenter

### ***Job Description***

Carpenters build or remodel almost every kind of structure, including houses and commercial buildings, bridges, churches, factories, and highways. They work with power and hand tools to build wood framing for houses, roofs, stairs, decks, and sheaths, and forms for concrete. Carpenters install doors, windows, and handrails, build cabinets, and counter tops. Carpenters perform interior and exterior finish work. They read blueprints, measure accurately, and calculate dimensions.

### ***Working Conditions***

Carpenter work is very physical and involves standing, climbing, kneeling, lifting, and squatting. Carpenters must be in good health, agile, and have good hand-eye coordination. Work conditions vary with each job.

### ***Length of Apprenticeship***

The apprenticeship lasts four years. Apprentices must complete a minimum of 144 hours per year of related classroom training and a total of 8,000 hours on-the-job training.

### ***Minimum Qualifications***

Apprenticeship applicants must be at least 18 years of age, or 17 with proof of high school graduation or general education development (GED) equivalent. Local apprenticeship committees may require additional qualifications.

### ***Apprenticeship Committees***

OR SW-WA JATC  
503-287-3708 or 877-287-9282  
web: [www.pnci.org/index.lasso](http://www.pnci.org/index.lasso) Statewide

Oregon-Columbia Carpenters  
503-256-7300 or 1-800-309-1442  
web: [www.nwcoc.com](http://www.nwcoc.com) Area 1, 2, 3

Lane County Carpenters  
503-256-7300 or 800-309-1442  
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## ***Wages (Average, State of Oregon, 2013)***

Beginning apprentices start at 50 percent of the journey-level wage. Upon successful completion of required related class work and on-the-job hours, wages increase, usually every six months, until the journey-level rate is achieved.

- **Hourly:** \$22.15
- **Annual:** \$46,067



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