Carpenter

Trade Profile



Fast facts:

Hourly pay: starting at $20/hour, depending on apprenticeship level and union affiliation

Certification requirements:

- High school diploma
- 3-4-year apprenticeship program OR 6+ years of on-the-job experience and some high school, college, or industry courses in carpentry

Earn while you learn at a Manitoba Hydro project:

Manitoba Hydro projects offer opportunities for carpenter apprentices to earn a salary and level up their apprenticeship at the same time. You might work on a new or existing transmission line, generating station, electrical, or natural gas distribution system.

Manitoba Hydro hires contractors to manage these projects and helps the contractors to employ people from nearby communities.

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About the job:

Carpenters construct, maintain, and repair structures made of wood and wood substitutes, steel, concrete, and other materials.

Carpenters work in private and commercial construction industries as well as in maintenance and renovations. They build foundations, house framework, and concrete forms, like tunnels and bridges. They can fit and install windows, doors, flooring, walls, roofs, stairs, mouldings, and hardware.

A carpenter is a skilled, designated trade. To become a certified journeyperson, you can apply for an apprenticeship program which combines paid on-the-job training and classroom instruction.

The apprenticeship program is divided into four levels. Each level requires you to complete 1,800 hours of on-the-job and technical training per year. In Manitoba, you can earn credit hours towards your apprenticeship at a number of secondary and post-secondary schools.

After you complete the required hours of on-the-job training and pass the technical schooling, you may take an exam to qualify for your Red Seal. The Red Seal is the national standard in the trade, and with it you can work as a carpenter anywhere in Canada.