

CABINET MAKING

Cabinetmakers make or repair furniture from solid timber, flat-panel or timber-based products, and fit and assemble prepared components for the domestic, office, commercial and shopfitting sectors of the industry for both freestanding and fitted furniture. Cabinetmakers who work in factories usually make articles that are designed by other people and produced in large numbers.

Typical Duties:

- Determine job requirements by examining drawings and specifications
- Select and prepare timber and manufactured board and mark out, cut and shape pieces using saws, chisels, planes, power tools and woodworking machines
- Trim and glue joints and fit parts together to form sections of furniture
- Place sections in clamps, apply pressure and reinforce joints with nails, dowels and screws
- Assemble sections to form completed articles
- Fit hinges, locks, catches, drawers and shelves
- Install completed products
- Repair damaged furniture and cabinets
- Make jigs, templates or prototypes for production assembly of furniture

Ideal Personal Requirements to gain an Apprenticeship:

- Manual dexterity
- Able to follow written instructions
- Able to work to a high level of accuracy
- Able to make mathematical calculations
- Good communication skills
- Free from allergies to dust
- Entry requirements may vary but, generally, you need at least the successful completion of Year 10/11, including maths
- Having completed some work experience or study (pre-apprenticeship program etc) in this industry is highly recommended

Education and Training to become qualified:

- Complete a 4 year Apprenticeship
- Trade school training is 'off the job' at a Trade training facility