



# Carpenter-joiner

(including the specialties of concrete former, deep foundation layer, and flooring-layer-sander)

## Description of the trade

- Erects frames for walls, floors, and roofs, installs exterior coverings and insulation, and installs exterior doors and window
- Builds formwork and lays deep foundations
- Builds divisions and does interior finishing (interior doors, mouldings, shelves, storage spaces, wall coverings, etc.)
- Builds wood staircases and lays wood flooring
- Installs integrated furnishings (counters, cupboards, etc.)
- Traces, cuts, assembles, and forms wood and metal pieces

## ACCESS TO CONSTRUCTION SITES

- Present to the CCQ proof of completion of DEP - Carpentry and of a job guarantee from an employer registered with the CCQ, for at least 150 hours spread over three consecutive months. This leads to an apprentice competency certificate in the trade.
- Measures are in place to increase the presence of women on construction sites by 2018. Consult them at [mixite.ccq.org](http://mixite.ccq.org).

## APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM

- Have completed two 2,000-hour apprenticeship periods (4,000 hours total) devoted strictly to work in one of the three specialties (deep foundation layer, concrete former, or flooring specialist sander), in order to be eligible to take the corresponding provincial qualification examination; passing the exam leads to obtaining a journeyman competency certificate in this specialty.

- Have completed the three apprenticeship periods of 2,000 hours each (6,000 hours total) in order to be eligible for the provincial qualification examination that leads to obtaining the journeyman competency certificate for the trade.

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Acquire knowledge related to applied mathematics, taking imperial and metric measurements, and interpretation of plans and technical specifications
- Be multi-skilled and independent
- Be able to work in a team
- Be able to use a wide variety of tools and safety equipment and to work on scaffolding
- Be in good physical condition

### Average annual salary\*

Apprentice**	\$17,635
Journeyman***	\$39,884
Journeyman working at least 500 hours	\$55,518
Proportion****	68%

\* Includes premiums, overtime hours, and compensation for paid statutory holidays and the obligatory annual vacations provided in the collective agreements.  
 \*\* Average salary of graduates admitted in 2014, for the 12 months following their admission.  
 \*\*\* Average salary in 2015 of those having reported at least one hour of work.  
 \*\*\*\* Proportion of journeymen in this trade having accumulated at least 500 hours in 2015. Does not include income that may have been made for work not falling under the construction collective agreements.

### Integration into the labour market

	Annual average 2012-2015	2016
New admissions to the CCQ	2,338	2,039
Placement rate of graduates*	7.1%	n/a

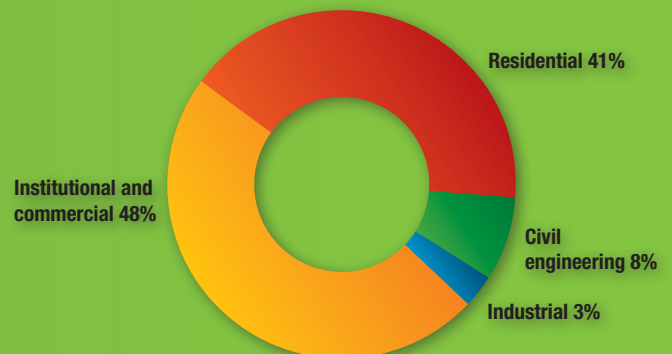
\* Source: *La Relance au secondaire en formation professionnelle*, survey by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec. New graduates are asked about their employment situation on June 1, after they have obtained their diploma.

### Hourly wage\* according to the collective agreements

	Industrial, institutional and commercial	Civil engineering and roadwork	Light residential
Apprentice			
1 <sup>st</sup> period	\$22.51	\$22.52	\$20.45
2 <sup>nd</sup> period	\$26.26	\$26.28	\$23.86
3 <sup>rd</sup> period	\$31.88	\$31.91	\$28.97
Journeyman	\$37.51	\$37.54	\$34.08

\*Wage in May 2016.

### Volume of work per sector



## Job prospects



- More than one in four construction industry workers is a carpenter-joiner. In 2016, 40,461 carpenter-joiners were active on Québec construction sites. This trade is also among those with the highest number of women, with 362 active female carpenter-joiners in 2016.
- Work volume is concentrated primarily in the institutional and commercial, and residential sectors. Activity in these sectors should decline slightly in coming years. More than 11,600 employers use the services of carpenter-joiners.
- There were 2,039 new apprentices in the industry in 2016, about 300 fewer than the average from 2012 to 2015, and 1,641 of these were graduates. During their first year of work in the construction industry, apprentices earn an average of \$17,600 for their work covered by collective agreements, while journeymen working at least 500 hours take home \$55,500 a year, on average.
- Job prospects for this trade are quite good, as high turnover is creating demand for new workers. Graduates find work very easily even though employment is declining slightly.

## Training

### Study program:

Diploma of vocational studies (DEP) - Charpenterie-menuiserie (5319) and Carpentry (5819)

**Duration of training:** 1,350 hours

**Academic prerequisite:** Category 1\*

\* The academic prerequisites for all trades and occupations in this brochure are described on page 74.

### Training generally offered in the following regions:

- Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- Bas-Saint-Laurent
- Capitale-Nationale
- Chaudière-Appalaches
- Côte-Nord
- Estrie
- Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine
- Lanaudière
- Laurentides\*
- Laval
- Mauricie
- Montérégie\*
- Montréal\*
- Nord-du-Québec\*
- Outaouais
- Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean



To find out which public facilities are authorized to offer this study program, consult the website [www.inforoutefpt.org](http://www.inforoutefpt.org)

\* Training also offered in English in this region.

### Number of employed workers in 2016

Abitibi-Témiscamingue	968
Bas-Saint-Laurent-Gaspésie	2,128
Côte-Nord	751
Estrie	2,027
Island of Montréal	1,947
Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière	8,721
Mauricie-Bois-Francs	3,184
Montérégie	8,113
Outaouais	1,878
Québec	8,515
Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean	2,168
Outside of Québec and Baie-James	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,461</b>

**Number of employed women** 362

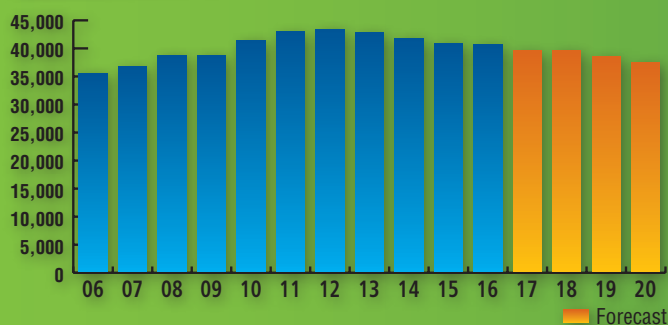
### Worker mobility

#### Proportion of workers who travel from one region to another:\*

Carpenter-joiners	14%
All trades and occupations	17%

\* Excluding travel between the Montérégie, Island of Montréal, and Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions.

### Number of employed workers from 2006 to 2020



### Age of the workforce in 2016

	Average age	Under 30 years	30-54 years	55 years and over	Total number of workers
Apprentice	31	61%	34%	5%	14,608
Journeyman	42	17%	63%	20%	25,853
<b>Total, carpenter-joiners</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>40,461</b>
All trades and occupations	39	26%	58%	16%	153,700