

Certificate III in Carpentry (Apprenticeship)

COURSE CODE	CPC30220
LOCATIONS	Colac, Sherwood Park (Warrnambool), Workplace training
STUDY MODE	Full-time, Apprenticeship
Length	Four years
Commencement	Start any time
Timetable	On-the-job training plus seven one-week training sessions a year on campus.

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

Begin your career in the building and construction industry with a carpentry apprenticeship.

During this apprenticeship, you will develop a range of hands-on skills to work within the construction industry as a residential or commercial carpenter.

With a combination of on the job training and block releases, you will gain theoretical knowledge and practical experience in all aspects of carpentry. You will learn how to work in a team while ensuring quality craftsmanship and safety are adhered to.

What will I Learn?

The course includes hands-on experience with theory and practical components, which will assist you while you are employed in the construction industry.

Skills you will gain during this apprenticeship include:

- OHS requirements and procedures for the construction industry
- workplace communication
- measuring and calculating
- using carpentry tools and equipment
- how to read and interpret plans
- erect and dismantle scaffolding
- carrying out setting out and levelling operations
- how to construct wall frames, ceiling frames, pitched roofs and eaves
- how to install flooring systems, windows and doors, exterior cladding, lining, panelling and moulding

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion, you will be a qualified carpenter enabling you to gain employment in the construction industry in both domestic and commercial sectors.

Pathways

You may choose to continue study to become a qualified builder with the [Certificate IV Building and Construction](#).

Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

You must be employed as an apprentice with a registered employer in the construction industry, in either a domestic or commercial setting.

If you are currently **not** employed in this field please contact the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) for further advice on 1300 648 911.

Course requirements

To be eligible to be awarded this qualification you must successfully complete 34 units: 27 core and 7 elective units.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CPCCCM2006	Apply basic levelling procedures	8	\$0.00
CPCCCA2002	Use carpentry tools and equipment	96	\$0.00
CPCCCA3002	Carry out setting out	24	\$0.00
CPCCCA3003	Install flooring systems	40	\$0.00
CPCCCA3004	Construct and erect wall frames	60	\$0.00
CPCCCA3005	Construct ceiling frames	32	\$0.00
CPCCCA3025	Read and interpret plans, specifications and drawings for carpentry work	36	\$0.00
CPCCCM2008	Erect and dismantle restricted height scaffolding	40	\$0.00
CPCCOM1012	Work effectively and sustainably in the construction industry	20	\$0.00
CPCCOM1014	Conduct workplace communication	20	\$0.00
CPCCOM1015	Carry out measurements and calculations	20	\$0.00
CPCCOM3006	Carry out levelling operations	24	\$0.00
CPCCWHS2001	Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry	20	\$0.00
CPCCCA2011	Handle carpentry materials	16	\$0.00

CPCCCA3001	Carry out general demolition of minor building structures	32	\$0.00
CPCCCA3006	Erect roof trusses	40	\$0.00
CPCCCA3007	Construct pitched roofs	60	\$23.95
CPCCCA3008	Construct eaves	20	\$0.00
CPCCCA3010	Install windows and doors	70	\$50.00
CPCCCA3016	Construct, assemble and install timber external stairs	40	\$0.00
CPCCCA3017	Install exterior cladding	20	\$0.00
CPCCCA3024	Install lining, panelling and moulding	40	\$0.00
CPCCCA3028	Erect and dismantle formwork for footings and slabs on ground	24	\$0.00
CPCCCM2012	Work safely at heights	8	\$0.00
CPCCCO2013	Carry out concreting to simple forms	20	\$0.00
CPCCOM3001	Perform construction calculations to determine carpentry material requirements	25	\$0.00
CPCWHS3001	Identify construction work hazards and select risk control strategies	30	\$0.00
CPCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry	6	\$77.18
CPCCCA3012	Frame and fit wet area fixtures	24	\$0.00
CPCCCA3019	Erect and dismantle formwork to suspended slabs, columns, beams and walls	40	\$0.00
CPCCCA3027	Set up, operate and maintain indirect action powder-actuated power tools	20	\$0.00
CPCCCM2002	Carry out hand excavation	16	\$0.00
CPCCCM3001	Operate elevated work platforms up to 11 metres	32	\$0.00
CPCCOM1013	Plan and organise work	20	\$0.00
CPCCSF2004	Place and fix reinforcement materials	80	\$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$4,700.00
Concession rate	\$940.00

Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$16,620.00
Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$560.13

Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

Booklist

Your course may require you to purchase additional materials or books (eg uniform, stationery, textbooks). Some of these items are optional and some are mandatory. You can purchase these items from Campion Education, second-hand or via another supplier. [Click here to find out more.](#)

You can download the booklist for this course here: <https://swtafe-prod-cdn.azureedge.net/media/lhen0kmn/south-west-tafe-certificate-iii-in-carpentry-2025-v1.pdf>

How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.

How to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

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Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).