

TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER PROGRAM

OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE FOR EXPEDITED LABOUR MARKET OPINIONS

CARPENTERS (JOURNEYMAN/WOMAN)

Section A: OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Carpenters construct, erect, install, maintain and repair structures and components of structures made of wood, wood substitutes, lightweight steel and other materials. They are employed by construction companies, carpentry contractors, and maintenance departments of factories, plants and other establishments.

MAIN DUTIES:

Carpenters perform some or all of the following duties:

- Read and interpret blueprints, drawings and sketches to determine specifications and calculate requirements.
- Prepare layouts in conformance to building codes, using measuring tools.
- Measure, cut, shape, assemble and join materials made of wood, wood substitutes and other materials.
- Build foundations, install floor beams, lay subflooring and erect walls and roof systems.
- Fit and install trim items, such as doors, stairs, moulding and hardware.
- Maintain, repair and renovate residences and wooden structures in mills, mines, hospitals, industrial plants and other establishments.
- Supervise apprentices and other construction workers.
- May prepare cost estimates for clients.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of secondary school is usually required.
- Completion of a three- to four-year apprenticeship program - or A combination of over four years of work experience in the trade and some high school, college or industry courses in carpentry is usually required to be eligible for trade certification.
- Trade certification is voluntary, in Alberta and British Columbia.
- Interprovincial trade certification (Red Seal) is also available to qualified carpenters.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES BY SUB-REGION:

ALBERTA

Geographic Area	Wage (per hour)
Calgary/Banff/Drumheller	\$30.00
Edmonton	\$30.00
Fort-McMurray	\$32.77
St. Paul/Lloydminster	\$21.73
Grande Prairie/Slave Lake/Jasper	\$30.00
Lethbridge/Medicine Hat/Crowsnest Pass	\$20.12
Red Deer/Camrose/Wetaskiwin/Rocky/Olds	\$30.00

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Geographic Area	Wage (per hour)
Lower Mainland Southwest	\$21.34
Northern British Columbia	\$22.09
Thompson Okanagan Kootenay	\$20.32
Vancouver Island	\$19.71

PROVINCIAL LABOUR STANDARDS:

In **Alberta** refer to: [Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, Employment Standards Programs](#)

In **British Columbia** refer to: [Ministry of Labour and Citizen's Service, Employment Standards Branch](#)

PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

In **Alberta** refer to: [Apprenticeship and Industry Training \(Government of Alberta\)](#)

In **British Columbia** refer to: [Industry Training Authority of BC \(Carpenters\)](#)

LABOUR MARKET OPINION FACTORS:

Refer to the [Temporary Foreign Worker Program](#) website to obtain the Labour Market Opinion factors used to assess an employer's request to hire a temporary foreign worker.