

Manufacturing CABINET MAKER

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What does a cabinet maker do?

Craft a successful career in furnishing as a cabinet maker.

Cabinet makers make or repair wooden furniture. Their tasks include:

- Preparing drawings from specifications
- Working out job requirements by examining drawings, work orders or sample parts
- Selecting and preparing production materials
- Marking out, cutting and shaping wood using a range of tools
- Fitting hinges, locks, catches, drawers and shelves
- Installing completed products
- Assembling parts to form sections of furniture or complete articles

Cabinet makers often produce items that are not typically recognised as cabinets, but use the same skills. They may specialise in particular areas such as the reproduction of antique furniture or the production of kitchen fittings, office furniture and bedroom suites.

Living the life

As a cabinet maker, you will enjoy being involved in creative and technical tasks with tangible outcomes.

Cabinet making is a large occupation and there are good opportunities for advancement. With experience, you may be promoted to the position of workshop supervisor or manager. You may even combine your technical skills with customer service and sales responsibilities to operate your own business.

Working hours vary depending on the role and the organisation, but you may be required to work shifts in the evenings and at weekends. Working extra hours is not uncommon in order to meet deadlines.



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What are employers looking for?

Cabinet makers are employed by organisations that manufacture wood products such as furniture, wooden structural fittings and pre-fabricated wooden components. These organisations may be large or small.

You can improve your appeal to employers if you:

- Enjoy practical work
- Have good hand-eye coordination
- Do not suffer from dust allergies
- Are able to follow written instructions
- Have strong skills in mathematics
- Have good communication skills

How do I get started?

To become a cabinet maker you usually have to complete an apprenticeship in Furniture Making (Cabinet Making).

As an apprentice, you complete your studies in class and on the job. You may be able to fast-track your career by starting your traineeship while you are still at secondary school through an Australian School-based Apprenticeship. Entry requirements vary, but employers generally require pass marks in Year 10 before they will accept you as an apprentice.

Talk with people who are currently working in the role to develop a better understanding of their responsibilities. This is also a useful way to build a network of contacts for the future.

Gain hands-on experience through a Structured Workplace Learning placement and kick-start your career by having the tasks that you learn on the job accredited.

Websites to visit for more information:

Find out more online from:

Furnishing Industry of Australia Ltd www.fiaa.com.au

'Make It' Manufacturing Careers Website
www.makeit.net.au

What can you earn?

On average, cabinet makers in Australia earn \$625.00 per week.

For more information:

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