



Careers in manufacturing: furnishing

Furniture and related furnishing trades

Furniture and related furnishing trades workers set up and operate woodworking machines and wood turning lathes to shape wood stock, finish and polish furniture, and make picture frames and frame paintings, photographs and other artwork.

Furniture and related furnishing trades workers may perform the following tasks:

- studying drawings, work orders and sample parts to determine specifications
- determining tooling and machine requirements and sequence of operations
- operating machines to cut, plane, turn, shape and sand work pieces
- applying varnish, shellac, lacquer, stains and paint to surfaces and polishing and waxing finished surfaces
- fitting and fastening frame pieces
- mounting backing materials and subjects for framing
- repairing upholstered furniture.

Occupations within the furniture and related furnishing trades include:

- Cabinetmaker
- Furniture finisher
- Picture framer
- Upholsterer
- Piano tuner.

Cabinetmaker

Cabinetmakers make or repair furniture and kitchen and bathrooms from solid timber, flat-panel or timber-based products.

There are two specialist pathways:

1. **Cabinetmaking** - Cabinetmakers deal with traditional manufacturing of modern furniture as well as antique repairs and replication.
2. **Kitchen and bathroom** - Kitchen and bathroom makers deal with the manufacturing, construction and installation of kitchens and bathrooms.

Relevant qualification:

- Certificate III in Cabinet Making

Furniture finisher

Furniture finishers apply finishes, such as stain, lacquer, paint, oil and varnish, to furniture and polish and wax finished furniture surfaces.

Relevant qualifications:

- Certificate II in Furniture Finishing
- Certificate III in Furniture Finishing

Picture framer

Picture framers cut out and assemble mouldings to make picture frames; and frames paintings, photographs, needlework and other artwork.

Relevant qualification:

- Certificate II in Picture Framing
- Certificate III in Picture Framing

Upholsterer

Upholsterers cover or re-cover furniture with fabric or other material and sometimes repair furniture. They can also create items of furniture or other specialised covers and awnings for the marine, automotive and caravan markets.

Upholsterers can go on to specialise in a number of different areas.

Specialisations:

- Mattress maker
- Automobile upholsterer
- Commercial upholsterer
- Marine upholsterer
- Antique upholsterer

Relevant qualifications:

- Certificate II in Upholstery
- Certificate III in Upholstery

Piano tuner

Piano tuners service, repair and tune pianos. Responsibilities range from minor to major repairs, with minor repairs including replacing worn or broken piano hammers or detecting touch/regulation/action concerns. Major repairs include replacing some or all of the wire to a full regulation of the action.

Relevant qualification:

- Certificate III in Piano Technology
- Piano Tuning Skill Set

More information:

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