

CPC30220 Certificate III in Carpentry

DESCRIPTION

This is a trade qualification for carpenters in residential and commercial workplaces. It includes setting out, manufacturing, constructing, assembling, installing and repairing products made using timber and non-timber materials.

State and territory jurisdictions may have different licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements. Relevant state and territory regulatory authorities should be consulted to confirm those requirements.

Completion of the general construction induction training program, specified in the Safe Work Australia model *Code of Practice: Construction Work*, is required by anyone carrying out construction work. Achievement of *CPCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry* meets this requirement.

This qualification is suitable for an Australian apprenticeship pathway. Visit [TAFE Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#) for more information.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into CPC30220 Certificate III in Carpentry as an Apprentice, candidates require:

- To be an Apprentice who has entered a Training Contract with their employer and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network NT.

Students can undertake this course as self-funded mainstream non-apprentices; candidates will need to discuss the program with the delivery team.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina, Alice Springs
Duration*	3 years full time, or 6 years part time Block delivery 3 to 4 x 2-week blocks over 3 years
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face
Dates ^	Term 1: 11/2/2026 to 3/4/2026 Term 2: 14/4/ 2026 to 2/6/2026 Term 3: 23/7/2026 to 9/9/2026 Term 4: 13/10 /2026 to 27/11/2026 <i>Apprentices will receive an individualised call-up notification letter.</i>

Attendance ^	Block delivery Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 4:20 pm
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* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ A course timetable/study plan will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	\$4,123.35
Full Fee	\$18,346.23

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students are issued with learning material and handouts relevant to each unit.

Students will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/services/learnline>.

Incidental fees and costs for students include the below items:

- Pens, pencils, large set square, calculator, compass
- Clear safety glasses
- Metric measuring tape (8m)
- Claw hammer
- Nail bag (3 pouch small and lightweight)
- Chisel pouch, hard leather for nail bag
- Butt chisel (25mm) with steel insert in plastic handle for striking with hammer
- Carpenters pencils (green or red)
- Combination square (90/45 degrees)

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to CPC40120 Certificate IV in Building and Construction.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Carpenter - Commercial
- Carpenter - Formwork
- Carpenter – Residential

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve CPC30220 Certificate III in Carpentry, a total of thirty-four (34) units of competency must be completed comprising twenty-seven (27) core and seven (7) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

CPCCCM2012*	Work safely at heights
CPCCCA2002*	Use carpentry tools and equipment
CPCCCA2011*	Handle carpentry materials
CPCCCA3002*	Carry out setting out
CPCCCA3003*	Install flooring systems
CPCCCA3004*	Construct and erect wall frames
CPCCCA3005*	Construct ceiling frames
CPCCCA3006*	Erect roof trusses
CPCCCA3007*	Construct pitched roofs
CPCCCA3008*	Construct eaves
CPCCCA3010*	Install windows and doors
CPCCCA3016*	Construct, assemble and install timber external stairs

CPCCCA3017*	Install exterior cladding
CPCCCA3024*	Install lining, panelling and moulding
CPCCCA3025*	Read and interpret plans, specifications and drawings for carpentry work
CPCCCA3028*	Erect and dismantle formwork for footings and slabs on ground
CPCCCM2006	Apply basic levelling procedures
CPCCCM2008*	Erect and dismantle restricted height scaffolding
CPCCCO2013*	Carry out concreting to simple forms
CPCCOM1012	Work effectively and sustainably in the construction industry
CPCCOM1014	Conduct workplace communication
CPCCOM1015	Carry out measurements and calculations
CPCCOM3001	Perform construction calculations to determine carpentry material requirements
CPCCOM3006	Carry out levelling operations
CPCCCA3001*	Carry out general demolition of minor building structures
CPCCWHS2001	Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry
CPCWHS3001	Identify construction work hazards and select risk control strategies

ELECTIVE UNITS

CPCCCA3018	Construct, erect and dismantle formwork for stairs and ramps
CPCCCA3014	Construct and install bulkheads
CPCCCA3012	Frame and fit wet area fixtures
CPCCCA3027	Set up, operate and maintain indirect action powder-actuated power tools
CPCCCM2002	Carry out hand excavation
RIISAM205E	Cut, weld and bend materials (unnamed elective)
TLILIC0005	Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more) (unnamed elective)

**CPCCWHS2001 Apply WHS Requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry is a pre-requisite unit for many of the units in this program and must be successfully completed to proceed further in this program.*

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#).

CONTACT DETAILS

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.