

**Wood Machinists** can be employed by a range of business sectors including the furniture and construction trades to cut, shape and prepare materials providing component parts for their product range. These can include Doors, Windows, Furniture, Kitchens, Garden Furniture, Sheds, Fencing, Skirtings' etc.

If you can make accurate measurements, follow technical instructions closely and want to use your practical skills, there could be opportunities for you in this career.

You will also need good maths skills for working out quantities and the ability to work safely.

## Skills, interests and qualities

- good practical skills and some mechanical knowledge
- an understanding of the properties of wood
- the ability to follow detailed instructions
- good levels of concentration and attention to detail
- a safety-conscious approach to work
- the ability to work both on your own and in a team
- good maths skills to make calculations and take measurements.

## What training will I receive?

As an apprentice **wood machinist** you will be following a comprehensive training programme which offers training in a variety of areas in the wood machining industry. This is a highly skilled job which will involve setting up and operating a wide range of woodworking machines which will include cross cut saws, panel saws, band saws, surface planers, spindles, routers and sanders etc. Some companies also have NC and CNC machinery on which you may train.

You will be responsible for the basic maintenance of all the machines you have received training on, which will include changing cutters, saws and blades, lubricating and cleaning tools. You will be trained to set the machines to fine tolerances. Vernier gauges and other precision measuring equipment can be used when checking finished sizes.

## When do I attend training?

Training can be organised to suit the needs of employers and can consist of attending on a day release or block release five times per year.



## What will I get at the end of my programme?

Throughout your training programme you will need to prove your ability on the following:-

- Measuring and marking out
- Tooling
- Cutting
- Planning

**Plus** four additional requirements chosen by the employer from the following: Calibrating, using Jigs and Templates, Profiling, Boring, Sanding, Edge Banding, Joints, and Operating machinery and equipment.

**Plus** improving Functional Skills in English and maths (where appropriate)

**On successful completion you will have achieved the Level 2 Standard in Wood Machining**

## Progression Opportunities

Having achieved the standard at Level 2 you can start working towards the Advanced Level 3 Wood Machining Apprenticeship. Thereafter, you could work as a wood machinist, CNC programmer, technician, quality assurance manager, supervisor, designer or teacher.

## How do I apply?

There are several ways to apply:

- contact the recruitment team on 0115 9677771 or write to us at WEBS Training Ltd The Poplars Wollaton Road Beeston NG9 2PD
- submit an enquiry via the website at [www.webstraining.com](http://www.webstraining.com)
- e.mail us at [info@webstraining.com](mailto:info@webstraining.com)

