



**Bishop  
Auckland  
College**

**Level 3**

# Craft Carpentry & Joinery

***Apprenticeship Standard***

*Detailed craftsmanship. Workshop expertise. Skilled future joiners*

## Who are Bishop Auckland College Group?

Bishop Auckland College Group is dedicated to creating positive change through education and learning. We deliver high-quality training and apprenticeships that empowers individuals and support organisations to grow, adapt, and succeed.

Our apprenticeships in Professional Services, Leadership and Management are designed to meet the needs of individuals entering the workplace as well as those seeking to upskill in their current role. We work closely with employers to ensure our programmes are aligned with current business priorities and future skills requirements.

We support learners to achieve their potential through accessible, inclusive education. At Bishop Auckland College Group, we work closely with employers and invest in our staff to ensure our provision meets the needs of individuals, employers and the economy.

**Highest**  
Apprenticeship  
achievement  
rates in County  
Durham!



**100%**  
Pass Rate



# Why Hire a Craft Carpentry & Joinery Apprentice?

Build your workshop team with **trained** joiners



**Develop** bespoke manufacturing and fitting **skills**



**Reduce** recruitment costs



Access **funded training** and mentoring



# What Apprentices Learn:

## **| Manufacturing Bespoke Joinery Products**

Creating doors, windows, staircases, cabinetry and mouldings using timber and sheet materials.

## **| Using Workshop Machinery & Hand Tools**

Operating saws, planers, routers, and sanding equipment safely and accurately.

## **| Reading Technical Drawings & Specifications**

Interpreting CAD drawings and design briefs to produce precise components.

## **| Measuring, Marking & Cutting Materials**

Preparing timber and sheet goods with accuracy and attention to detail.

## **| Assembly & Finishing Techniques**

Joining components using traditional and modern methods, applying finishes and preparing for installation.

## **| Health & Safety in the Workshop**

Following safe working practices, using PPE and maintaining a clean and hazard-free environment.

## **| Installation Skills**

Fitting finished products on-site, ensuring alignment, finish quality and client satisfaction.

## **| Sustainability & Waste Management**

Minimising waste, recycling materials and understanding environmental responsibilities.



### **Typical Duration:**

24 months plus 3 months for EPA



### **Delivery:**

Attend Bishop Auckland College one day per week

# End Point Assessment (EPA)

The End Point Assessment (EPA) is the final, independent evaluation at the end of the apprenticeship, once the apprentice has completed their on-programme training and passed gateway (i.e., employer/provider confirm they're ready). It's designed to assess the apprentice's knowledge, skills and behaviours they've developed during the apprenticeship.

## Before an apprentice can take the EPA, they must typically demonstrate:

- A completed portfolio of evidence showing they have applied the standard's knowledge, skills and behaviours throughout the apprenticeship.
- Achievement of Level 2 English and maths, if required by funding rules.

*The gateway is the point at which the employer and training provider agree the apprentice is prepared for the EPA*

## Timing & Duration

- **On-Programme Training:** Typically 24–30 months, during which apprentices develop advanced carpentry and joinery skills in either the site carpentry or architectural joinery (bench) pathway. Training includes complex setting out, manufacturing or installing bespoke components, interpreting detailed technical drawings, and maintaining high standards of quality and safety. Apprentices compile a portfolio of evidence demonstrating competence against the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) in real working environments.
- **Gateway & EPA Period:** After gateway approval, the EPA usually takes place within 3 months, covering the synoptic practical assessment and professional discussion.

**The EPA is graded using Pass or Distinction** *(with an overall Fail if minimum requirements are not met):*

**Pass:** Achieved a pass in both assessment methods. **Distinction:** Achieved distinction criteria in both methods. **Fail:** If one or more methods are not passed.

There are two EPA methods:

## 01

### Synoptic Practical Assessment

- The apprentice completes a substantial and technically demanding practical project relevant to their pathway.
- For site carpentry, this may include structural and second-fix installations to specification.
- For architectural joinery (bench), this may include manufacturing complex joinery components to detailed drawings.
- The assessment tests accuracy, technical skill, interpretation of drawings, quality of finish, productivity, and compliance with health and safety requirements.
- The practical assessment typically lasts several hours and reflects the high standards expected of a skilled craftsperson.

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### Professional Discussion Underpinned by Portfolio

- A structured discussion with an independent assessor.
- Typically lasts around 60 minutes.
- The apprentice refers to their portfolio to evidence advanced technical knowledge, problem-solving ability, quality standards, teamwork, and professional behaviours.



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