

Aims of the Master Certificate Scheme

- To identify men and women, fully qualified by City & Guilds of London Institute Advanced Craft Qualifications or National Vocational Qualifications level 3 or equivalent in wood occupations, and holding a City & Guilds Licentiateship together with further training, education and experience in the crafts and practice of commercial carpentry and/or joinery, within the United Kingdom to be accorded Master Craft status by meeting the requirements set jointly by the sponsors of the Scheme.
- To maintain Registers of Master Certificate holders together with records of their qualifications and experience within the Industry, providing that the holder of such a Master Certificate shows evidence of continuous professional development and maintains membership of the Institute of Carpenters.
- To make available to the public the names and particulars of those so qualified and registered.
- To encourage those so certified actively to foster the development of trainees and students in these crafts with a view to promoting the highest possible standards of excellence and probity throughout the Industry.
- To encourage students, their tutors, mentors and employers to strive through this Scheme to ensure a continuing sufficiency of expertise in these crafts within the United Kingdom.
- To encourage Educational Authorities, Government and parents to see vocational education, training and employment in the construction crafts to be as worthy as other vocations and professions.
- To provide a pathway to Master Craft status by way of intermediate steps of Craftsman and Journeyman.

The Sponsors of the Scheme

The Institute of Carpenters

The objectives of the Institute of Carpenters are to maintain the traditions of the historic craft and to advance and enhance the status of those engaged in the craft of woodworking.

The City & Guilds of London Institute

City & Guilds was founded by the Corporation and 16 City Livery Companies. It has a world-wide reputation for vocationally-related qualifications and has introduced Professional Recognition Awards for professionals who are looking for an internationally respected qualification that recognises work-based achievements. The City & Guilds Licentiateship (LCGI), Affiliateship (AfCGI), Graduateship (GCGI) and Membership (MCGI) are similar in level to HNC, Undergraduate, Honours and Masters degree qualifications.

The Worshipful Company of Carpenters

The Worshipful Company of Carpenters was founded in the thirteenth century and is still actively supporting wood craft skills, particularly through ownership of the Building Crafts College where fine woodwork, shopfitting and stonemasonry skills are taught to diploma level.

The Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers

The Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers, throughout its centuries of existence, has sought to promote excellence in joinery by continuing to support and encourage the highest craft standards, in training and through its annual craft competition.

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The Master Certificate Scheme for Carpentry and Joinery



The Worshipful Company of Carpenters



The Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers



The Institute of Carpenters



The City & Guilds of London Institute

recognising excellence in
the art, craft, science and practice
of carpentry and joinery

The Craftsman Certificate

The Craftsman Certificate in Carpentry or Joinery is open to those who:

- normally hold a qualification at NVQ level 2 in Site Carpentry, Bench Joinery, Shopfitting, Heritage Skills, Woodmachining or Timber Frame Erection;
- are enrolled on a course of study leading to an NVQ level 3 in Site Carpentry, Bench Joinery, Shopfitting, Heritage Skills, Woodmachining or Timber Frame Erection;
- have shown progress in quality of workmanship. This level of progress will need to be endorsed by the applicant's college and/or employer or client;
- demonstrate a desire to become a Craftsman in a 200-400 word statement that confirms the level of expertise to date and endorses an ambition to become a Journeyman and, ultimately, become a Master Certificate holder;
- hold the status of Licentiate member of the Institute of Carpenters (LIOC).

The Journeyman Certificate

The Journeyman Certificate in Carpentry or Joinery is open to those who:

- normally hold a qualification at NVQ level 3 in Site Carpentry, Bench Joinery, Shopfitting, Heritage Skills, Woodmachining or Timber Frame Erection;
- are able to demonstrate excellence and experience in the Craft following their training (normally 4 years after completing NVQ level 3). This evidence must be endorsed by an employer or client and must include evidence of mentoring and demonstrate a high level of skill;
- provide a portfolio of photographic evidence together with professional verification by employer and/or client;
- demonstrate a desire to become a Journeyman Certificate holder by means of a written statement of 400-600 words that confirms the applicant's level of expertise to date and endorses an ambition to become ultimately a Master Certificate holder;
- hold the status of Member within the Institute of Carpenters (MIOC).

The Master Certificate

The Master Certificate in Carpentry or Joinery is open to those who:

- normally hold a qualification at NVQ level 3 in Site Carpentry, Bench Joinery, Shopfitting, Heritage Skills, Woodmachining or Timber Frame Erection;
- normally hold a qualification at NVQ level 4. This would normally include HNC, HND or a BTEC in Construction, Management or Supervision;
- hold a Licentiate from the City & Guilds of London Institute (LCGI);
- provide two references by employers or clients describing work done within the last 5 years, demonstrating capability and confirming expertise to date;
- produce a portfolio describing his/her career to date. The candidate will also be expected to take part in a professional discussion and provide photographic evidence of his/her work within the last 5 years;
- have practiced the Craft for at least 15 years, from the attainment of NVQ level 3 (a minimum of 5 years must have involved mentoring less experienced craftsmen);
- hold the status of Fellow within the Institute of Carpenters (FIOC).