

APPRENTICESHIPS IN...

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY



WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a way to learn valuable skills while working and earning money. Apprentices go to classes at the National University of Samoa's Institute of Technology, and work for qualified tradespeople who pass on their skills and knowledge. Apprenticeships usually last three or four years, but they can be shorter if you already have a relevant qualification.

WHY DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

EARN A CERTIFICATE IV – SAMOA'S HIGHEST TRADE QUALIFICATION

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING JOBS HERE AND OVERSEAS

MAKE MONEY WHILE LEARNING

WHO CAN DO AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If you've finished Year 11 you can do an apprenticeship, no matter how old you are. If you're already experienced in a trade, it may be better to do the Trade Test, which awards formal qualifications to people with existing skills.

FEES

Fees vary for each year taken and will be made available at the start of each training

FINDING AN EMPLOYER

Before applying for an apprenticeship through the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour, you must find an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice. If you are having difficulty, contact the Ministry for advice.

APPLICATIONS

Applications usually open in December and close in February or March. Classes usually start in May. For specific dates and the application form, contact the Ministry or visit our website: www.mcil.gov.ws

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DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CARPENTRY AND JOINERY APPRENTICE

Joinery is making things out of wood, which is often done in a workshop. Carpentry is installing wood products, which is often done on building sites, in homes and other buildings.

Apprentices usually work Monday to Friday and go to classes from 5pm to 8pm, Monday to Thursday. Alternatively, they can go to class full time for a week.



CARPENTERS do GREAT THINGS



Okay, so you probably won't be the next Jesus, but carpentry and joinery is still an important job. Most wood products—like doors, building frames and kitchen cabinets—are made by carpenters and joiners.

SUCCESS STORY



LEALAITAGOMOA I'AMAFANA AKEREI M
45YRS D.O.B: 20.02.1970 OF VAIALA.

Completed and graduated from the Carpentry Trade under the Samoa Apprenticeship Scheme in 1992.

As stated by Lealaitagomoa, being a graduate of this program has given him great foundation for his career in Carpentry.

From working at Molese Samoa, to teaching and lecturing at Don Bosco and Samoa Polytechnic Institute, Lealaitagomoa is now a Property and Information Technology (IT) Manager for the Central Bank of Samoa.

"THIS QUALIFICATION DUE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE HAS HELPED ME A LOT AND I AM THANKFUL FOR THE PATH I CHOSE IN BECOMING AN APPRENTICE " LEALAITAGOMOA I'AMAFANA