

Christopher Debreczeni – Apprentice Carpenter

NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador Program – Apprentice and Trainee Career Profiles



Christopher Debreczeni provides direction to a team member on-site.

Current role: 4th Year Carpentry Apprentice with Brookfield Multiplex.

Age: I'm 23.

What got you this role?

The maturity I had gained from previous jobs and schooling which made me eager to learn and pursue building as a career.

Formal qualifications:

Year 10 Certificate, Senior First Aid Certificate and currently completing TAFE Certificate III in Carpentry

What did you want to do when you grew up?

To be successful and have the ability to provide for myself. I have always been interested in building, construction and working with my hands.

Best school time memory?

The school snow trip with my good friends and teachers.

Work/life so far?

After leaving school at the beginning of Year 12, I began work full-time. I have been working full-time ever since but still manage to travel overseas, play recreational sports and spend time with my friends and family.

Career bumps so far?

The company I began my first year apprenticeship with did not have work for me so I began working as a landscaper for two years. I am fortunate enough to now be with Brookfield Multiplex continuing my apprenticeship.

About this trade

- Carpenters construct, erect, install, finish and repair wooden and metal structures and fixtures on residential and commercial buildings.
- The role suits people who are physically fit, enjoy practical, outdoor work and are able to work well in teams.
- With further training and experience, a carpenter can become a building supervisor, building or construction manager, building inspector, technical teacher, estimator, building contract administrator or purchasing officer.

A snapshot of this Apprenticeship

- At Brookfield Multiplex successful candidates receive on-the-job training and the opportunity to obtain a Certificate III in Carpentry.
- Apprentices are rotated through a variety of locations and roles and are provided with safety gear and tools to work with.
- The apprenticeship usually takes four years to complete but may be completed earlier when the apprentice has completed the qualification.

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Who are your career development supporters?

My woodwork and construction teachers were the first ones that introduced me to the trade and allowed me to realise my potential.

Current job description:

Currently working in a supervision role at a charity site in Dural where my team and I are renovating bathrooms. My duties include organising and communicating with different trades, and being on the tools.

Strangest thing you've had to do?

Being on television!

Your strengths?

Ability to be flexible and adapt to changing situations. My drive, enthusiasm and patience allow me to complete the job to the best of my ability.

Your weaknesses?

Always putting my hand up to help and offer extra work. Never saying no.

The best part of your work?

Starting a job from nothing and literally building it from the ground up. Seeing the transformation and structure take place is rewarding. Working with a team and good people.

The worst part of your work?

Afternoon traffic.

Your greatest mentor/inspiration?

My dad who always taught me the value in striving to be the best I can be and always supporting me in the process.

What job do you most crave?

Being a site manager with Brookfield Multiplex.

Your work motto?

'Find a job you love to do and you'll never have to work a day in your life'.

Where will you be in 15 years' time?

Still working in a job I love that supports my family and me.

Learn more about this Apprenticeship

Start by searching the web at:

- State Training Services
- Brookfield Multiplex
- Construction & Property Services Skills Council
- myfuture
- Job Outlook

Steps to starting an Apprenticeship

To make informed career decisions you'll need to know:

- The range of apprenticeships and traineeships available.
- Where to search for an apprenticeship or traineeship vacancy.
- How you start and successfully complete an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- Who can help and the types of assistance available to you.

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Apprenticeships and traineeships:

- Are a great way to start a career or change career direction.
- Consist of structured off the job training which compliments the on the job training in the workplace.
- One of the best ways to get job training and qualifications.
- Are highly regarded by business and industry.
- Are nationally recognised.
- Can be full time or part time or school based.
- Are regulated by State Governments to ensure fairness and compliance with all state laws.
- Are competency based so they are completed when the apprentice or trainee has achieved the relevant qualification and competencies to industry standards.