

## Pedro Cardoso – Apprentice Carpenter

NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador Program – Apprentice and Trainee Career Profiles



Pedro Cardoso checks work plans in readiness for the day's work ahead.

**Current role:** 4th Year Apprentice Carpenter/Junior supervisor for Brookfield Multiplex, UNSW Randwick

**Age:** I'm 21.

**What got you this role?**

I submitted an application through Brookfield Multiplex website.

**Formal qualifications:**

Finishing final year full time work placement to complete Certificate III in Carpentry and currently studying for Certificate IV Builders licence.

**What did you want to do when you grew up?**

As a young kid I was very physically active. I played different sports and played reps for soccer. I wanted to make a professional career out of soccer.

**Best school time memory?**

Enjoyed going to school to see my best mates every day and definitely sport days.

**Work/life so far?**

I work 6 days a week for Brookfield Multiplex and then on my day off I usually spend it with mates or riding motorbikes for a hobby.

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### 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.

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### 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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### **Career bumps so far?**

Just completing my apprenticeship of four years so haven't encountered any career bumps as of yet.

### **Who are your career development supporters?**

Graham Broome who is the Apprentice Master guiding me through my apprentice years in the company.

### **Current job description:**

I am currently finishing off my 4th year apprenticeship in carpentry and am studying Cert IV in Building. I am in the transition of becoming a supervisor for Brookfield Multiplex; I have supervised three jump forms and am currently looking after facades.

### **Strangest thing you've had to do?**

Not applicable.

### **Your strengths?**

I'm eager to get stuck into any job and learn from the carpenters and foreman who have had many more years' experience than me.

### **Your weaknesses?**

Not applicable.

### **The best part of your work?**

Working with various sub-contractors and learning a little bit of everything to get a commercial job constructed.

### **The worst part of your work?**

The pressure of meeting deadlines and successfully planning out a job.

### **Your greatest mentor/inspiration?**

Both my parents who have always supported and looked after me over anything.

### **What job do you most crave?**

Driving and dogging cranes.

### **Your work motto?**

Haven't got one yet!

### **Where will you be in 15 years' time?**

Successfully running high rise jobs as a foreman for Brookfield Multiplex and moving my way up through the company.

### **Learn more about this apprenticeship**

Start by searching the web by clicking 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.