

# Careers in the defence industry- Cabinetmaking

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## Looking for an exciting and rewarding long term career?

Join the thousands of people using a different set of skills to supply and support our defence forces. WA's defence industry provides stable and local employment in defence related activities such as **ship and submarine building, maintenance and sustainment**.

To become a cabinetmaker, you need to undertake an apprenticeship in cabinetmaking or furniture making, which usually takes 42 months to complete and is available as a school-based apprenticeship.

### CAREER SWITCHER...

## CHLOE JAMIESON

Apprentice Cabinetmaker (2nd year)

PATHWAY: > Apprenticeship

“ After high school I studied veterinary nursing and then worked at Bunnings for four years.

I needed a change from retail and I enjoy hands-on work so I figured a job in the defence industry would be more my style.

I applied for many different apprenticeships and got offered a cabinetmaking apprenticeship at a

shipbuilding company that design and build ships for the Australian Defence Force.

My older brother and dad are both cabinetmakers so it is a familiar trade. I have been working on the cape-class patrol boats, and I work on everything inside the ships, from floor to ceiling.

I build and install all the furniture, including bunk beds, cabinets, hardware, and the fixings and brackets. I love working on these **local** projects and there's a **sense of pride when we finish a big project**. Sometimes we are not 100 per cent sure we are going to like something - but sometimes we find the **perfect fit**. ”



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**MSF31113 Certificate III in Cabinetmaking**



**KEY**

**LEVEL 01** – All job titles in Operations that require a skill level of year 10, a senior secondary certification of education, Certificate I or II. Australian apprenticeships may be offered at this level.

**LEVEL 02** – All job titles in Operations that require a Certificate III or IV, or at least three years relevant experience. Australian apprenticeships may be offered at this level.

**LEVEL 03** – All job titles in Operations that require a Diploma or Advanced Diploma. Study is often undertaken through TAFEs or Registered Training Organisations. Some universities offer studies at this level.

**LEVEL 04** – All job titles in Operations that require a Bachelor Degree or higher qualification. Study is often undertaken at a university.