

MEDIA RELEASE

Future builders wanted: limited time left to join MBA carpentry program

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Master Builders ACT is urging school leavers, career-changers and anyone seeking a hands-on, future-proof career to apply now, with just nine days left before enrolments close for the next intake of MBA Carpentry Apprentices.

Master Builders ACT Chief Executive Officer Anna Neelagama said a career in building and construction in the ACT offers strong job security, great earning potential and real opportunities to grow into business ownership and leadership.

‘Master Builders ACT has been training carpentry apprentices since 1969, and has an outstanding completion rate of 80 per cent, compared with the national average of around 30 per cent,’ Ms Neelagama said.

‘Our apprentices are carefully matched with Master Builders and supported through personalised training plans, ensuring they develop the practical, job-ready skills employers are looking for.

‘With all 26 construction occupations currently listed as in shortage by Jobs and Skills Australia, a Master Builders carpentry apprenticeship provides a strong foundation for a long and successful career.

‘Many of our former apprentices are now among Canberra’s most respected builders, business owners and industry leaders.’

The program combines real-world on-site experience with high-quality training through MBA Training, giving apprentices the skills, confidence and support they need to succeed in the industry.

Entrants to the February 2026 intake will be eligible for \$10,000 for a full-time apprenticeship and up to \$5,000 for a part-time apprenticeship over the life of the Australian Apprenticeship Journey under the Key Apprenticeship Program.

Places are limited and enrolments close in nine days.

What you can do

- Visit <https://mba.org.au/apprentice-eoi-for-cert-3/> to express your interest
- Call 1300 MBA ACT
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