

A Craftsman in a Medieval Town

I am a carpenter in this town. It took me a long time to become a carpenter. I started at the age of 12 as an **apprentice**. I went to live in the house of my master for 7 years. I learned the trade of him. It was against the law to leave and I was beaten if I tried to run away.

After 7 years I became a **journey man**. I could at last leave my master after my training. I could now be paid for my work and traveled from town to town looking for work.

I really wanted to be a **master** to have my own workshop and sell my goods. To do this I had to make a master price and show it to the guild. I made a table and the guild was happy with it so I could become a master. I now have my own apprentice.

I belong to a **guild**. I set exams and makes sure goods are properly made. I also fixed wages and looks after old or sick members. There are other guild like a shoemaker and weavers.