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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

A wood polisher gives wooden furniture and other wooden articles their final shine and protection. They assess the surface quality, fix stains and roughness, prepare the surface with sanding and filling, then choose and apply the right polish, varnish, lacquer or coating to match company standards or customer requirements — making the piece attractive, durable and moisture-resistant.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 10 + NSQF Level 4 wood polishing training
Entry age	Enrolment after age 18
Avg salary	₹8,000 – ₹40,000/month
Work mode	Workshop/factory, hands-on, 8-9 hrs/day

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in wood and furniture work
- Passion for making things look beautiful and polished
- Enjoying detailed hands-on work

ABILITIES

- Physically fit and active
- Ability to follow clear instructions and analyse problems
- Close attention to detail

KEY SKILLS

- Assessing furniture surface quality and advising on pre-treatment
- Selecting and applying the right polish, varnish, lacquer and coatings
- Sanding, filling and surface cleaning
- Operating spray guns, brushes and hand tools

- Colour and shade matching
- Customer interaction and working to specification
- Finishing and final quality check

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 10 and turn 18 years old
- 2 Enrol in an NSQF Level 4 wood polishing/carpenter trade training
- 3 Gain hands-on practice and tool-handling proficiency
- 4 Gain experience as an apprentice/helper at a workshop or furniture mill
- 5 Gain around 2 years of work experience (preferred for better roles)
- 6 After certification, start working independently or move to a supervisor-level role

MAIN EXAMS

- NSQF Level 4 wood polishing certification course and trade test (no entrance exam; assessment is practical skill-based)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम (NSDC) – Carpenter Wooden Furniture (NSQF L4) — Centres across India (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)
- जन शिक्षण संस्थान (JSS) — Centres across India (<https://nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre-jss/>)
- NIOS वोक्शनल स्टडी सेंटर — Centres across India (<https://voc.nios.ac.in/registration/locate-study-centre>)
- सरकारी औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (ITI), जोधपुर – कारपेंटर ट्रेड — Jodhpur, Rajasthan (<https://iti.directory/jodhpur/government-industrial-training-institute-jodhpur>)
- राजस्थान कौशल एवं आजीविका विकास निगम (RSLDC) — Across Rajasthan (<https://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in/rsldc/#/home/dptHome/403>)
- राजस्थान सरकार संचालित वोक्शनल विद्यालय — Across Rajasthan

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- फर्नीचर व फिटिंग्स स्किल काउंसिल (FFSC) से संबद्ध निजी प्रशिक्षण केंद्र — Gurugram (HQ) / centres across India (<https://ffsc.in>)
- जोधपुर फर्नीचर निर्यातक इकाइयों में इन-हाउस प्रशिक्षण/अप्रेंटिसशिप — Jodhpur, Rajasthan

ONLINE

- Skill India Digital Hub – Carpenter Wooden Furniture Course — Online (<https://www.skillindiadigital.gov.in>)
- स्वयम (SWAYAM) — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in>)

FEES

Training under most NSDC, JSS, NIOS and Rajasthan government schemes is free. Private workshop/in-house apprenticeships usually don't charge fees and may even pay a small stipend while learning. Figures are indicative and subject to change.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in/fresh/onlineInstituteSearchIndex>)
- Buddy4Study – ITI/Vocational Scholarships (<https://www.buddy4study.com/article/iti-scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Furniture stores/mills, musical instrument stores, wood-products stores, real estate and interior decoration sector, and more.

WORK CULTURE

You need to work at least 8-9 hours a day, 5-6 days a week. Shift duty is common and overtime is frequent. This is largely hands-on, workshop-based work, not a desk job. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities in this field too.

WHO HIRES

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| • Furniture manufacturers and exporters (e.g. Jodhpur's furniture units) | • Furniture showrooms and retail stores |
| • Interior design and decoration companies | • Musical instrument manufacturers |
| • Real estate and construction companies | • Self-employment: own polishing workshop |

DEMAND (2026)

Rajasthan, especially Jodhpur, is one of India's major furniture manufacturing and export hubs, keeping local demand for skilled wood polishers steady. With the growing real-estate, interior-decoration and furniture market, demand for trained artisans is expected to keep rising.

7 Career growth

- 1 Assistant Wood Polisher
- 2 Wood Polisher
- 3 Supervisor

EARNINGS

Starting	₹8,000 – ₹15,000/माह
Mid level	₹15,000 – ₹25,000/माह
Senior level	₹35,000 – ₹40,000/माह (अनुभवी/पर्यवेक्षक)

As per NCS, wood polishers earn roughly ₹8,000-₹40,000/month; independent salary surveys also show earnings rising to ₹20,000+/month with experience. Figures are indicative and vary by location/employer.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Practical skill with quick employability
- Scope for self-employment and starting your own workshop
- Strong local demand in furniture hubs like Jodhpur

The challenges

- Health risks from exposure to wood dust and chemicals
- Long hours and physically tiring work
- Starting pay can be low

9 Real-life journeys

Sravan Kumar

Carpenter and finishing craftsman, Phantom Hands, Bengaluru (originally from Jodhpur, Rajasthan)

Originally from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Sravan Kumar was among the first carpenters to join the furniture studio 'Phantom Hands' in 2016. He works on fine finishing and polishing of chairs and other furniture, turning raw wood pieces into finished designs. His journey shows how traditional Rajasthani woodworking skill can grow into a solid career in India's furniture industry.

Phantom Hands Journal · <https://phantomhands.in/journal/tales-from-the-workshop-a-t%C3%A0t%C3%A0t-with-the-carpenters-of-phantom-hands>

Sulakshana Bhattacharya**Woodworker and furniture entrepreneur, founder of 'MishtooMade', Delhi (adjacent woodworking-trade success story)**

After about 15 years in public policy, Sulakshana Bhattacharya turned her hobby into a business, starting the woodworking brand 'MishtooMade' from a workshop attached to her home in Delhi. She makes chopping boards, shelves, tables and cabinets, and gives new life to antique wooden pieces — some over 100 years old — by recycling, reclaiming and refinishing them. She also runs woodworking workshops for both beginners and advanced learners. Note: since a woman specifically working as a wood polisher could not be found, this real, verified story from the closely-related woodworking and furniture-finishing trade is included intentionally to keep this list gender-balanced.

Life Beyond Numbers · <https://lifebeyondnumbers.com/sulakshana-bhattacharya-mishtoomade-the-female-woodworker-who-turned-her-hobby-into-a-successful-business/>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Fitter (Processing)
- Fish & Seafood Processor
- Aquaculture Worker

11 Sources & further reading

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4. Furniture & Fittings Skill Council (FFSC) — <https://ffsc.in>
5. Wood Polisher career details (TU Careers) — <https://www.tucareers.com/ncocareers/7522.2000>

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