

Branch: Shoe



Code: SHOMAK

Option: Shoe maker

Level : CP

Prerequisites : Primary school leaving certificate

Opportunities:

Shoe makers may work in a workshop or factory, usually specialising in the design of luxury shoes. They may also have their own workshop and work as a craftsman.

Description

In a workshop, this professional works with flexible materials of various origins (leathers, saddlery, textiles and new materials) to produce footwear items by the unit or for mass production. After analysing the model, he/she identifies the materials and determines the means of producing it. He/she knows how to select and combine materials according to a use, a destination or a specific request. They know the properties of colours and can identify the chromatic characteristics and textures of materials. After having taken the measurements and made the pattern, he/she adjusts his/her machines to carry out the cutting, assembly and finishing operations to meet the customer's request or specifications with all the criteria of quality and aesthetics.

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finishing (sewing, colouring) or stitching and finishing (lacing, repairing, boxing). He mills, sands, nails the heels, colours and dyes. He/she uses different types of sewing machines (trimming, flat, filling, chain stitch), the press, and knows how to use tracing equipment. He performs first-level maintenance (adjustment, lubrication, cleaning) of the equipment. His training is based on the history of fashion and footwear, aesthetics, the materials used, colours and decorations.

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Quality and competences :

In addition to a sense of aesthetics and good colour vision, he or she must be orderly, methodical and have good people skills. Finally, he must be interested in the world of fashion.