

Profession spotlight: turner

Main duties

- ◆ Read and interpret technical drawings
- ◆ Adjust manual or digitally-controlled machine tools
- ◆ Cut workpieces with precision
- ◆ Check the quality of machined workpieces
- ◆ Ensure routine maintenance of equipment

Skills needed

- ◆ Competence in industrial drawing and dimensioning
- ◆ In-depth knowledge of metal materials
- ◆ Use of traditional and digital machine tools
- ◆ Sense of precision, patience and good craftsmanship
- ◆ Independence and compliance with safety standards

Studies needed

From CAP (vocational certificate) to BAC +2 (two years post-secondary):

- ◆ CAP Turner
- ◆ CAP Production Plant Operator
- ◆ Bac pro Mechanical Product Manufacturing Technician (TRPM)
- ◆ BTS Design of Product Production Processes (CPRP)

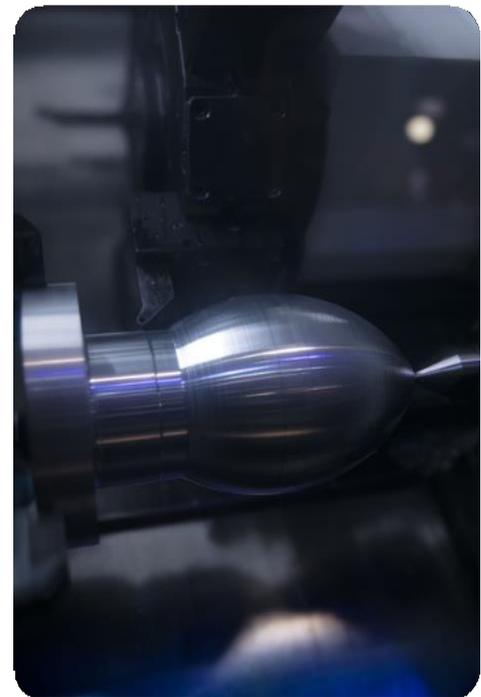
Possibility of additional training in CNC machining.

Where do they work?

In precision engineering workshops, with industrial subcontractors, or within major groups in the automotive, aeronautical, rail, energy or medical sectors.

How much do they earn?

- ◆ Beginner: between €1,800 and €2,800 gross per month
- ◆ Experienced: up to €3,000 or more, depending on the specialisation and complexity of the parts being machined.



Career progression?

With experience, a turner can progress to setter, methods technician, quality controller, workshop manager or even join a methods or production office.

🌐 In short, the turner is a high-precision craftsman and a key to French industrial excellence. It is both a technical and human-oriented profession, combining traditional mechanics and digital innovation.

**These figures are indicative and may vary according to experience, sector and company size.*