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MEASURING UP: Paul Mellen at work.

A bout of 'nerves', then confidence

APPRENTICE builder Paul Mellen recently endured his first interview for a full-time job, so he is hoping there will be no exit interviews in his immediate future.

The 17-year-old from Flagstaff Hill, who is about to complete SACE at the Australian Technical College - Adelaide South, was hired by the Master Builders Group Training Scheme several months ago.

"I had an interview with them, and we discussed what I already knew and why I wanted to do

carpentry and the previous studies I had done," Mr Mellen says. He was nervous going into the interview but quickly settled when he began speaking with his interviewer.

"After the interview I was really confident I had done well," he says.

Mr Mellen, working with Happy Valley Homes, is enjoying doing most of the things qualified builders get to do.

"It's really great - even better than I thought it would be," he says.