



## WOODLANDS

POSITIONS IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY



# FORESTRY PROFESSIONAL

**OTHER JOB TITLES:** appraisal forester, consulting forester, district forester, forest engineer, forester, forestry superintendent, registered professional forester (RPF).

**IF YOU WANT GOOD PAY, OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ON THE JOB, A GREAT LIFESTYLE AND THE CHANCE TO WORK IN CANADA'S GREENEST WORKFORCE, THEN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IS RIGHT FOR YOU.**

Why green? The forests are a renewable natural resource and the Canadian forest products industry is known for its world-class environmental credentials, including having the most certified forests in the world, and cutting more than 70% of its greenhouse gas emissions since 1990.

The industry offers something for everyone. It's an industry with a reputation for investing in skills training and career growth, and no matter what part of the forest products industry you work in - on the mill floor as a mechanical engineer, or in the forest as a forestry technician - every job is part of the greenest industry in Canada.

Canadian forest product companies will need to hire 60,000, or more, **new workers by 2020** to meet demand and you could be one of them!

### DESCRIPTION

There are many jobs in the forest products industry in the forestry professionals category. It's a diverse mix of jobs, but each one plays a role in forest operations management. Forestry professionals guide decisions and policies relating to forest land management. These roles are considered professional because they require specific educational qualifications combined with operational experience.

As a forestry professional, you may find yourself working with a wide range of people - landowners, purchasers, managers, technicians, contractors, and other professionals - to manage the forest in an environmentally and economically sustainable way. If you enjoy intellectually demanding work that also gets you outdoors, consider becoming a forestry professional. Some of your week could be spent walking over rough terrain and driving to remote forest job sites.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Forestry professional perform a wide range of technical and managerial functions. On any given day, you might:

- plan and direct forest surveys and related studies
- establish short- and long-term forest management plans
- plan and direct woodlands harvesting, reforestation, silviculture and fire prevention
- negotiate terms and conditions of agreements and contracts for forest harvesting and leasing forest lands
- ensure adherence to government regulations and company objectives
- plan and conduct public relations and education programs

### THIS JOB IS RIGHT FOR YOU IF...

- you want to live an oversized life in one of Canada's beautiful forest communities
- a sense of community is important to you
- you like an intellectual challenge
- you want to make a difference working in a green job
- you see the big environmental picture
- you like the outdoors
- you are a team player
- you want to work in hiking boots, not dress shoes

### \$ EARNING POTENTIAL



This is the high end of the Canadian average. In some areas, forestry professionals who have earned extra credentials can make more than \$52 per hour.

### + BENEFITS MAY INCLUDE

- Apprenticeships
- Career growth
- Daycare
- Dental and medical plans
- Employee assistance plans
- Pensions
- Ongoing training

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Forestry professionals usually have a college or university degree. In some cases, lots of experience and good job reviews can substitute for a college degree. Many people in this role start as entry-level technicians and crew, while learning the trade from experienced managers. A successful career as a forestry professional depends on combining job experience, education and dedication. Here is a complete list of Canadian Universities and Colleges: [thegreenestworkforce.ca/education](http://thegreenestworkforce.ca/education)

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