



## WOODLANDS

POSITIONS IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY



# FORESTRY TECHNICIAN

**OTHER JOB TITLES:** *biology technician, hydrology technician, drilling explosive specialist, fire technician, firewatch, forestry aid, land surveyor, log scaler, road management technician.*

**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

Forestry technicians are skilled people experienced in technical tasks that don't usually require heavy equipment, tools or hard physical labor. Instead, their main work requires applied knowledge and skills in data recording. Working as a forestry technician means you're comfortable using a range of instruments to do things like taking measurements, surveying land, and inspecting and monitoring job sites.

There are many different kinds of forestry technicians. Most of their work happens outdoors. You need to be fit enough to trek across rough, often steep, terrain. A typical day could see you working as part of team to fight forest fires. Or you could be tasked with marking timber to set up environmentally sustainable harvesting operations. Road and trail construction is another key duty.

The job also offers a chance for advancement because you are exposed to so many different aspects of a forest company's operation.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Forestry technicians perform a wide range of technical functions.

On any given day, you might:

- inventory a stand of trees
- GIS map a wetland
- plan a project to thin a tree stand to reduce fire risk
- cut and control invasive brush
- mark timber before sale
- oversee tree-planting team

### 👍 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 variety and learning new things
- you want to make a difference working in a green job
- you are physically fit
- you are a team player who gets along with other trades
- you want to work in work boots, not dress shoes

### \$ EARNING POTENTIAL



This is the high end of the Canadian average. In some areas, more senior forestry technicians, who have earned extra credentials, make up to \$38 per hour.

### + BENEFITS MAY INCLUDE

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

### 🍏 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Forestry technicians often require skills to be tailored on the job. You can increase your job choices if you finish a one- to three-year college program for forestry technologists, renewable resource managers or forest rangers. Here is a complete list of Canadian Universities and Colleges: [thegreenestworkforce.ca/education](http://thegreenestworkforce.ca/education)

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