

A CAREER IN Trees and Timber



Introduction to Trees and Timber

The trees and timber industry has some of the most diverse jobs in Scotland, requiring a huge range of skills.

If you have a keen interest in managing or enhancing forests as part of an economically sustainable Scotland, a career in trees and timber could provide you with a challenging future and a rewarding way of life.

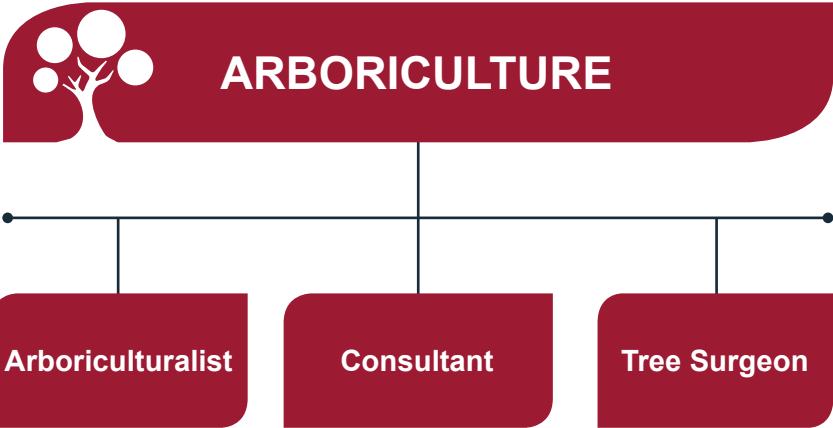
Whether you like being outdoors using machinery and getting your hands dirty, or prefer science or research within a lab, look no further.



Career Options

There is always a demand for new entrants into the industry and there are many different career options. You could specialise in science and research, be hands-on in the field working with the latest in harvesting technology or using your communication skills in an education or consultancy role.

The public and private sectors are looking for enthusiastic new entrants, so have a look at the examples of jobs below for inspiration.



10,000ha+

With a career in forestry you could contribute towards the Scottish Government's target of creating 10,000ha of new woodlands per year



1 billion

Forests in Scotland contribute £1 billion to the economy, supporting over 25,000 full-time employees



23,920

The average salary for a forest worker is £23,920. Senior consultants can earn over £70,000

Routes into a career in Trees and Timber

Depending on your current skills and experience, you could enter at different levels.

| JOB LEVELS | VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS | SCQF LEVEL | ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS |
|-------------------|---|------------|--|
| Director Level | | 12 | Doctorate |
| | | 11 | Masters |
| Managerial Roles | Technical Apprenticeship in Rural Land Use and Management | 10 | Honours Degree |
| | | 9 | Degree |
| | | 8 | HND Forestry HND Arboriculture and Urban Forestry |
| Supervisory Roles | Scottish Vocational Qualification in General Woodland and Forestry Treework | 7 | HNC Forestry HNC Arboriculture and Urban Forestry |
| | Modern Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber | 6 | Forestry Advanced Certificate (Arboriculture or Forest Mechanisation) NPA Woodland Operations |
| Supervised Roles | Scottish Vocational Qualification in General Woodland and Forestry Treework | 5 | Forestry Certificate National 5 |
| | Modern Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber | | |
| Entry Level | | 4 | NC Rural Skills National 4 |

USEFUL LINKS

Forestry Commission Scotland
Rural Skills Scotland

<http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk>
www.ruralskillsscotland.com

Scottish School of Forestry
at Inverness College UHI
SRUC

www.inverness.uhi.ac.uk
www.sruc.ac.uk



Every area of woodland needs managed, from large plantations in remote locations, to local community woodlands in the heart of the city



With the right training and perseverance, you could become the manager of your own woodland consultancy or become a self-employed tree surgeon – jobs which can take you around the world

Forestry could lead you into a career in environmental conservation or game and wildlife





Our Stories



Aaron Ross

Aaron has been doing a Modern Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber with the Falkland Stewardship Trust and SRUC.

"I've come a long way since I started my apprenticeship, learning a range of new skills, meeting new people and getting a much better understanding of forestry. It's been great to achieve a range of qualifications too, which will help my career. I like using machinery and chainsaws and being in a practical job so would highly recommend working in forestry to anyone interested in the outdoors."

Emma Staniforth

Emma completed a Modern Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber and now works for Forest Enterprise Scotland in Dumfries and Galloway as a recreational craftsperson. She is a Lantra Scotland industry champion and former overall winner of Lantra's learner of the year awards.

"I take great pride in the positive impact my role has on the environment and the wider public. I really enjoy seeing the forest changing over time, from clearance to ground preparation, planting, looking after the trees and monitoring their health, to harvesting and back to ground preparation and starting the process over again. I like to think that the work I undertake from micro to landscape level is establishing woodlands for future generations and the forest industry."



Find out more

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