

A CAREER IN 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.

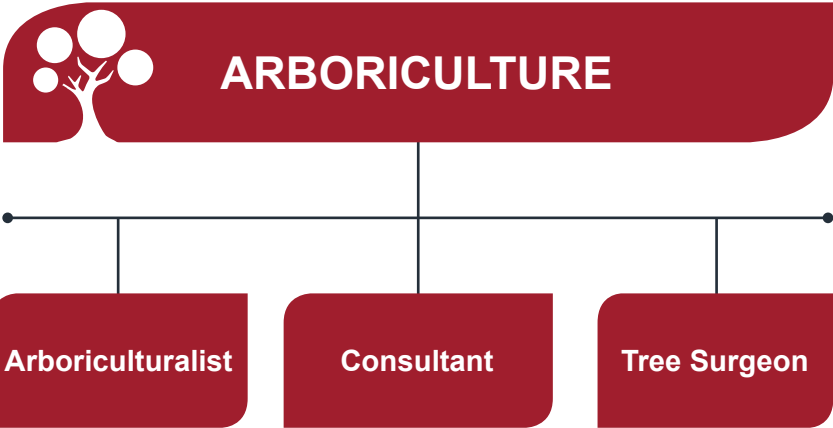
Whether you like being outdoors using machinery and getting your hands dirty, or prefer science or research within a lab, look no further.



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	WORK-BASED	SCQF LEVEL	SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
Director Level		12	Doctorate
		11	Masters
Managerial Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification 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 Modern Apprenticeship	7	HNC Forestry HNC Arboriculture and Urban Forestry
		6	Forestry Advanced Certificate (Arboriculture or Forest Mechanisation) NPA Woodland Operations
Supervised Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification Modern Apprenticeship	5	Forestry Certificate National 5 NPA Rural Skills
Entry Level		4	NC Rural Skills National 4 Skills for Work: Rural Skills

USEFUL LINKS

Forestry and Land Scotland
Rural Skills Scotland

<https://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



Jack Burton

After doing a Modern Apprenticeship on Falkland Estate, Jack joined Fife Council as a lead operative specialist arborist and now works with trees across the area.

"I had a couple of indoor jobs after I left school, but they just weren't for me. Then I saw some arborists climbing trees which really sparked my interest. As part of the council tree team, we work across Fife, and there's never a typical day. We could be in somebody's back garden, in parks, removing trees, pole pruning, crown lifting, we do it all. It's nice and varied."

"The best thing about my job is climbing to the top of a tree and seeing the view you get. It beats looking out of an office any day of the week. I love what I do and wouldn't change it for the world".

Isla Campbell

Isla did a degree in Forest Management with Arboriculture and Urban Forestry at the Scottish School of Forestry, Inverness College UHI, and currently works for Glengarry Community Woodlands.

"As the daughter of a forester, I had a unique insight into the industry, getting close up to huge forestry machinery, watching my dad cut down trees with his chainsaw and having the forest as my playground. I loved the outdoor working environment, the idea of educating the next generation, and connecting with people, so it was natural for me to choose forestry as a career."

"In my current role, I teach children about the importance of the natural environment, encouraging them to respect nature and hopefully think about becoming foresters themselves. Forestry is a fantastic industry for meeting like-minded people who share a passion for forests and the wider natural environment."



Find out more

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