

Career of the Fortnight



Arboriculture Officer - maintain and manage trees for local or arboricultural contractors



<p>Entry requirements: You can get into this job through:</p> <p>University - It may help if you have a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in a relevant subject, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● forestry ● arboriculture ● countryside management ● forest management ● woodland ecology and conservation <p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 or 2 A levels for a foundation degree or higher national diploma ● 2 to 3 A levels for a degree ● <p>College - You could do a college course, which would teach you some of the skills and knowledge you need in this job. Relevant subjects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Trees and Timber ● Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Trees and Timber <p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D) for a level 2 course ● 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) for a level 3 course 	<p>Skills required: You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● knowledge of geography ● the ability to use your initiative ● to be thorough and pay attention to detail ● the ability to work well with others ● ambition and a desire to succeed ● administration skills ● knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses ● knowledge of maths ● to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently
<p>What you will do: Your day-to-day tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● advising on planning applications, to take account of tree protection laws ● managing trees in parks, open areas and at the side of roads, organising tree surveys, recording tree locations ● planning tree planting schemes ● supervising tree care and tree planting contracts with site visits ● giving demonstrations and talks on arboriculture and woodlands to schools and other community groups ● training junior colleagues and volunteers 	<p>What you will earn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Starter: £22,000 ● Experienced: £35,000 <p><i>These figures are a guide.</i></p>
<p>Working hours, patterns and environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You could work in woods, forests or gardens or in an office. ● Your working environment may be at height and outdoors in all weathers. ● 41 to 43 hours a week – evenings and weekends occasionally 	<p>Career path and progression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You could become self-employed. ● With qualifications you could teach as a lecturer at a college or university.