Routes into forestry careers

Whether you're just starting your career or considering a change, here's what you need to know to become a practical forester

> Before you begin, explore the qualifications and experience needed for key roles in forestry and then follow the right route for you

> > Start here

Early careers and qualifications route

Gain the qualifications you need for your future role in forestry

Level 1 & 2 qualifications

(GCSEs and apprenticeships)

Choose an option:

GCSE options

(Levels 1-2)

From biology

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Forestry and

Arboriculture

college courses

(Level 1-2)

Arborist

Apprenticeship

(Level 2)

Distance

<u>learning</u>

courses

Next step:

Move on to

a Level 3

qualification

Level 3 qualifications

(A levels, T levels, apprenticeships)

Choose an option:

Level 4-7 qualifications

Choose an option:

(Degree level)

A Level options (Level 3)

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Forestry and Arboriculture college courses (Level 3)

Forest Craftsperson Apprenticeship (Level 3)

> **Distance learning courses**

Next step:

Move on to a Level 4-7 qualification

Forestry undergraduate and degree

courses You can find courses through Royal Forestry Society or <u>UCAS</u> course search

Professional Forester Degree Apprenticeship (BSc, Level 6)

Distance <u>learning</u> courses

Next step:

Consider professional development opportunities

Career changers and professional development route

Build on your transferable skills and gain valuable forestry experience and certifications

Volunteer

Get involved in practical tasks in your local community woodland to learn basic techniques

Some volunteering suggestions to explore:

- Forestry England • The National Trust
- Woodland Trust

National Parks UK

• The Wildlife Trusts

Placements and work experience

Use these opportunities to build your practical skills

Look for placement opportunities on the Institute of Chartered Foresters website

Short courses

Upskill to gain valuable skills

Lantra or City & Guilds and NPTC list short courses and some may be eligible for the Forestry and Arboriculture Training Fund

• Royal Forestry Society

Forestry Roots traineeship

• The National Coppice

Traineeships and apprenticeships

'Earn as you learn'

Apprenticeship Scheme For more apprenticeships follow the early careers and qualifications route

Gain professional recognition

Become a member or apply for certifications that recognise your professional skills

• Royal Forestry Society

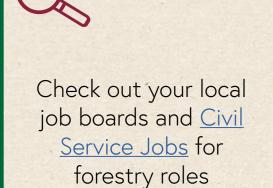
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Get certified with:

Chartered status

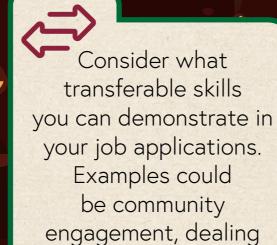
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Top tips for finding your role in forestry





You can directly apply for forestry jobs with related degrees such as biology, engineering, environmental science and geography



with stakeholders and

problem solving



A driver's licence and vehicle, or the ability to travel to remote locations is essential for on-site forestry roles



The Royal Forestry Society, Lantra and the <u>Institute of</u> Chartered Foresters have great careers resources on their websites for you to

explore your options

Many foresters are self-employed. Visit GOV.UK for advice on working for yourself and setting up as a sole trader

Find more helpful resources on our careers page on GOV.UK







