



JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND OCCUPATIONAL PROFILES

BUCKER

Buckers work on line construction crews. Using chainsaws they cut and remove trees and other vegetation to clear a path for other seismic crews such as surveyors, drillers and helpers. They must follow strict guidelines to limit their environmental impact. For example,

- Fire and erosion damage from burning
- Disturbance of decomposing material
- Destruction of harvestable trees.

Buckers follow the instructions given by the crew Faller. In general they:

- Operate chainsaws to de-limb and buck trees (cut fallen trees into logs)
- Do not fall trees for any reason
- Clean-up debris created from line construction operations
- Carry supplies in and out of the worksite (for example, gasoline, water, spare parts and saws)
- Use portable global positioning system (GPS) receivers for navigating along seismic lines and setting up flags to mark lines and hazards
- Perform maintenance on chainsaws and other equipment.

Working Conditions

- Crews work outdoors in remote locations.
- They may have to stay in hotels, motels or camps when away from home for extended periods.
- They may be exposed to extreme weather, dirt, dust, mud, noise and fumes.
- Heavy lifting of items weighing up to 20 kilograms often is required.
- To avoid injury, seismic line cutters must wear personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Seismic line construction crews typically work 10 to 12 hours a day on rotation.
- Work is seasonal and overtime is common and often expected.

Personal Characteristics

Buckers need to have the following characteristics:

- Good problem solving and decision making skills
- Mechanical aptitude
- A safety conscious attitude
- The ability to adapt to a number of different environments (mountains, plains)
- An interest in working outdoors (sometimes in isolated locations) and using various forms of wilderness transportation
- The ability to work well as part of a team, while being self sufficient
- An understanding of GPS navigation and the ability to read maps.

They should enjoy having clear rules and guidelines for their work, being physically active and operating and maintaining equipment.



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Educational Requirements

GWR generally prefer to hire job applicants who have a high school diploma, Class 3 driver's licence with Q endorsement and experience with:

- Manual labour (including heavy lifting)
- Outdoor activities (such as camping, bush travel, use of all-terrain or four-wheel-drive vehicles)
- Chainsaws.

Preference is also given to applicants that possess safety training related to job duties:

- First aid/CPR training
- All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
- Chainsaw Proficiency - Level 1, 2 or 3
- General Oilfield Driver Improvement (GODI)
- Powered Mobile Equipment Operator

GWR offers in-house training for certain safety tickets:

- Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) Awareness
- WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)
- Seasonal Training such as Wildlife Awareness and Cold Weather/Wilderness Awareness

To advance from buckler to faller workers must complete the required amount of work experience in addition to the appropriate level of the Chainsaw Faller Competency Program offered at Enform in Calgary and Nisku (near Edmonton).