

- Shift rotation varies from 21 days on/4 days off, 24 days on/4 days off, or 28 days on/7 days off.


What is the Range of Pay?

Starting wage for industry newcomers is approximately \$18.00-20.00/hour. Most employers cover all accommodation costs while the employee is working, and a daily living allowance, called Hotshot, of \$40.00/day is given to each employee to be used for food. When interviewing with companies it is best to inquire if this benefit is offered.

Accommodation and Travel While on Shift

Crews either stay in hotels/motels that are close to the worksite, or if the program is taking place in a remote area where hotels/motels are unavailable, camps may be used. Camps vary depending on the managing company, and location. All meals in camp are included; therefore the daily living allowance of \$40.00/day is not passed out. Camps typically include washroom facilities, recreation rooms (include exercise equipment, televisions, etc.) laundry, towels & bedding, and open kitchens.

Most of the time companies will provide transportation of workers from point of rest (hotel/motel or camp) to the worksite; however depending on your roles and responsibilities you may be required to drive yourself from point of rest to the worksite.



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Careers in Seismic



Faller

Position Name: Faller

Description of Position

- Utilize chainsaws to clear trees and undergrowth in order to construct a 1.75-3m wide trail;
- Assesses the falling area and appraises trees for characteristics, such as twists, rot, and heavy limb growth;
- Applies knowledge of tree characteristics and cutting techniques to control direction of fall;
- Selects and clears a proper emergency escape route, communicates falling plan and ensures the active falling area is clear of all workers (must comply with distance standard);
- Clears brush and debris from work area;
- Clears undergrowth, cuts saplings and other trees from falling path;
- Removes dangerous trees that could fall into the work place;
- A valid driver's license is an asset and may be required by some companies in order to obtain employment. Potential candidates should also be aware that a driver's abstract may be required;
- It should also be noted that some companies will require drug and alcohol testing prior to employment.

Training Requirements

To become a certified Faller the successful completion of Enform's *Chainsaw Faller Competency Program - Level II - Faller Entry* is required. To qualify for entry into this program, candidates are required

to have successfully completed *Level I - Chainsaw Basics*, and have 25 documented days of work experience conducting falling operations.

Once the *Level II - Faller Entry* program has been successfully completed, Faller's can apply for their *Level III - Faller Evaluation*. To do so the *Chainsaw Faller Competency Record* must be completed in full, and an additional 25 days of documented work experience (under the supervision of a Faller Tutor) is required. Upon successful completion of this one-day evaluation, students will receive their full certification as an Oil and Gas Faller.

Career Path and Advancement from the Position of Faller

Certified Fallers have the opportunity to advance into the position of Faller Tutors through the *Chainsaw Faller Competency Program - Level IV - Faller Tutor* program.

Is On-The-Job Training Provided?

Initial training for those new to the industry may include, but is not limited to:

- Company orientations (review of company policies, procedures, expectations etc.);
- Basic Safety Awareness (introduction to petroleum industry hazards, tasks, safe work procedures, emergency response planning, communication, tools, driving, etc.);

- WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System);
- H2S Aware (awareness training for hydrogen sulphide gases);
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG);
- First Aid/CPR;
- General Oilfield Driver Improvement (GODI) (awareness training for operating vehicles 5500kg GVW and over);
- Off Highway Vehicle Training (ATV's, UTV's, snowmobiles).

Additional Seasonal Training may be included such as:

- Wildlife Awareness (awareness training for dealing with wildlife);
- Cold Weather Awareness (awareness training for dealing with cold illnesses, clothing, blizzard conditions, appropriate footwear, industry hazards).

Generally most companies will provide their employees with up-to-date training in order to keep their skills current and up to the industry standard, however the responsibility may lie with the employee or potential employee to obtain some training courses on their own time.

Hours Worked/Standard Shift Rotation

- 12- 14 hours per day, seven days a week (includes travel time to and from the worksite, as well as lunches and breaks;