

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;
- 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 \$150-180/day. An individual with previous experience may start at \$220-260/day. 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



Packer/Chainsaw Bucker

Position Name: Packer and Chainsaw Bucker

Description of Position

Packer

This position is part of a seismic line construction crew and typically performs clearing of debris on seismic lines, carrying supplies, driving and any other task or duties a Bucker may need assistance with. A Packer (aka Helper) will be learning the role of a Bucker but with no unsupervised bucking or cutting activity.

Chainsaw Bucker

This position involves working on a seismic line construction crew and follows the instruction and direction given by the crew Faller. A Chainsaw Bucker:

- Operates chainsaws to de-limb and buck trees so they lay flat on the ground (cutting trees into logs is called bucking);
- Cleans up debris created from line cutting operations;
- Carry's supplies in and out of the site (e.g. gasoline, water, spare parts and saws);
- Uses portable GPS receivers for navigating along seismic lines and setting up line or flagging to mark lines and hazards;
- Looks after the maintenance of chainsaws and other equipment;
- Performs any other jobs defined by Supervisors or Fallers;
- 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

Packer

There are no minimum educational requirements for the position of Packer on a seismic crew; however, a high school education is always a definite asset and is strongly encouraged.

There are some companies that may require potential candidates to obtain Level 1 - Basic Chainsaw Training offered through Enform.

Chainsaw Bucker

In order to advance from Packer to Chainsaw Bucker, the successful completion of Chainsaw Faller Competency Program - Level I - Chainsaw Basics offered through Enform is required.

The following attributes are considered an asset for both Packer and Chainsaw Bucker:

- Previous experience with manual labour (including heavy lifting);
- A history of physical activity, (i.e. sports);
- Previous experience working long hours of work;
- Previous experience working in a field rotation situation or camp component;
- Class 3 drivers license with Q endorsement.

Career Path and Advancement from the Position of Chainsaw Bucker

Chainsaw Buckers have the opportunity to advance into the position of Faller through the successful completion of Enform's Chainsaw Faller Competency Program - Level II - Faller Entry. To qualify for entry into the Level II - Faller Entry program, candidates are required to have successfully completed the Chainsaw Faller Competency Program - Level I - Chainsaw Basics,

and have 25 documented days of work experience conducting falling operations.

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.