

What is the Range of Pay?


Starting wage for industry newcomers is approximately \$125.00/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



Survey Helper

Position Name: Survey Helper

Description of Position

- Helps the Surveyor as required;
- Responsible for providing the Surveyor accurate information on all shot points and land contours;
- If chaining, responsible for choosing locations for shot points, as well as the accurate numbering and placement of flags;
- Carries in equipment needed to survey such as: extra batteries, shipping tags, pin flags etc.;
- Sets up equipment as needed for surveys (e.g. base stations);
- 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

There are no minimum educational requirements for the position of Survey Helper, however, a high school education is always a definite asset and is strongly encouraged. The following attributes are considered an asset:

- 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 Survey Helper

By starting in the industry as a Survey Helper, individuals have the opportunity to advance into various other job positions such as Surveyor, Head Chainer, Mapper etc.



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