**Job title: Arboriculture Officer**

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| **Job title: Tree Officer** | Arboricultural officers maintain and manage trees for local councils or arboricultural contractors. |
| **Entry requirements:** | You can get into this job through:  **University** - It may help if you have a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in a relevant subject, like:   * forestry * arboriculture * countryside management * forest management * woodland ecology and conservation  Entry requirements You'll usually need:   * 1 or 2 A levels for a foundation degree or higher national diploma * 2 to 3 A levels for a degree   **College** - You could do a college course, which would teach you some of the skills and knowledge you need in this job. Relevant subjects include:   * Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Trees and Timber * Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Trees and Timber  Entry requirements You'll usually need:   * 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D) for a level 2 course * 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) for a level 3 course |
| **Skills required:** | You'll need:   * knowledge of geography * the ability to use your initiative * to be thorough and pay attention to detail * the ability to work well with others * ambition and a desire to succeed * administration skills * knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses * knowledge of maths * to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently |
| **What you'll do:** | Your day-to-day tasks may include:   * advising on planning applications, to take account of tree protection laws * managing trees in parks, open areas and at the side of roads, organising tree surveys, recording tree locations * planning tree planting schemes * supervising tree care and tree planting contracts with site visits * giving demonstrations and talks on arboriculture and woodlands to schools and other community groups * training junior colleagues and volunteers |
| **What you’ll earn:** | * Starter: £22,000 * Experienced: £35,000   *These figures are a guide.* |
| **Working hours, patterns and environment:** | * You could work in woods, forests or gardens or in an office. * Your working environment may be at height and outdoors in all weathers. * 41 to 43 hours a week – evenings and weekends occasionally |
| **Career path and progression:** | * You could become self-employed. * With qualifications you could teach as a lecturer at a college or university. |