**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 requirementsYou'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 requirementsYou'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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **Career path and progression:** | * You could become self-employed.
* With qualifications you could teach as a lecturer at a college or university.
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