

What are the facilities like?

- Facilities vary depending on location, town and province, however, accommodation is provided while the crew is working. Employees will either stay in camps or hotels depending on the location of the job.



Do you drive out to the site?


- 80% of the time you will be required to drive from point of rest (hotel, camp) to the job site - crews have company vehicles that provide transportation for crews to and from the jobsite. 20% you may be staying directly on the worksite, have bus transportation organized or be required to travel in a helicopter to the job site.



Do you stay in camps?

- Yes. Camps are set up in remote areas where hotels are unavailable, or location of the camp is more feasible than staying in a hotel. 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 include washroom facilities, recreation rooms (include exercise equipment, televisions, etc.) laundry, towels & bedding, and open kitchens.

* Please note, that as of January 1, 2008 this two day program will be discontinued and Level 1 – Chainsaw Basics, a three day course will be taking its place.



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Careers in Seismic



Packer / Chainsaw Bucker

**Position Name: Packer/
Chainsaw Bucker**

Description of Position:

Packers:

- This position is part of a crew and would perform clearing of debris on seismic lines, carrying supplies, driving and any other task or duties a bucker may need assistance with. A packer/helper will be learning the bucker's role but with no unsupervised bucking or cutting activity.

Chainsaw Bucker:

This position involves working on a crew as a team and to follow instruction and direction given by the Crew Faller. Buckers:

- Operate chainsaws to de-limb and buck trees so they lay flat on the ground (cutting trees into logs is called bucking).
- Clean-up of debris created from line cutting operations;
- Carry supplies in and out of the site (e.g. gasoline, water, spare parts and saws)
- Use portable GPS receivers for navigating along seismic lines and setting up line or flagging to mark lines and hazards.
- Look after the maintenance of saws and 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

Is a post-secondary education required?

- **Packer:** There are no formal, minimum

education requirements for the position of packer on a seismic crew; however, having a high school education is always a definite asset. There are some companies that may require potential candidates to acquire Basic Chainsaw Training offered through Enform.

- **Chainsaw Bucker:** In order to advance to the Chainsaw Bucker position, a 3-day entry level course offered through Enform must be taken.* Upon successful completion of this course, students will receive a three year Enform certificate and a CAGC logbook

What is the Career Path is there any advancement from this position?

- From the position of bucker there is the opportunity to advance into the position of Faller. There is minimum 25 days oil & gas bucker work experience is required prior to entering Level II Faller Entry Program

Is there any training provided?

- Initial training for someone 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 (awareness training for Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)
 - H2S Aware (awareness training for hydrogen sulphide gases including acceptable working levels, properties of the gas, safe procedures for working in around gaseous areas)
 - Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)
 - All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
 - First Aid/CPR

- General Oilfield Driver Improvement (GODI) (awareness training for operating vehicles 5500 kg GVW and over)
- Additional Seasonal Training may be included such as:
 - Wildlife Awareness (awareness training for dealing with wildlife- specifically bears in the spring/ summer and fall)
 - 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 jobsite as well as lunches and breaks
- Time off Rotation varies from 21 days on/4 days off, 24 days on/4 days off, 28 days on/7 days off

What is the range of pay:

- Starting wage for industry new comers is approximately \$15.00 - \$16.00/hour
- Most employers cover all accommodation costs while the employee is working, and a daily living allowance (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.