

## 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.



1977 - 2007  
**CAGC**  
Prosper Together, Falter Alone  
30 years CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOPHYSICAL CONTRACTORS

• • • • •

**Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors**

#1045, 1015 - 4th Street S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2R 1J4  
Canada

**Telephone:** (403)265-0045  
**Fax:** (403)265-0025  
**Email:** info@cagc.ca

[www.cagc.ca](http://www.cagc.ca)

Check out our  
Employment Bulletin Board at  
[www.juggy.ca](http://www.juggy.ca)

To enhance your job search  
go to **Membership Link** under  
**Quick Links** and select  
**Survey** or **Pipeline Locators**  
for a complete listing of  
CAGC member companies.

Revision date January 2007

## Careers in Seismic



## GPS Surveyor

## Position Name: GPS Surveyor

### Description of Position:

- Navigate from one seismic point to the next
- Responsible for the safe operation of the survey crew
- Operates the equipment
- Double checks the work of the chainer
- Creates line sketches
- Ties seismic lines to existing survey evidence to verify location
- Responsible for field survey data collection and processing and verification of accuracy
- Responsible for the surveyor's helper's actions
- To ensure there are no conflicts between shot point locations and cultural features such as houses, buried facilities, power lines etc.
- 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?

- There are no standard education requirements, but a high school diploma is sometimes required. On-the-job training is often offered and safety and equipment training courses may be required. Candidates interested in becoming a GPS Surveyor should note that in order to acquire GPS Surveyor status they will first need to train as a Survey Helper in order to gain experience.

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

- Field Coordinator, Mapping Coordinator and Buried Facilities Locator are just a few of the positions available for advancement from the GPS Surveyor position.



### 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)
  - First Aid/CPR
  - All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
  - 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 \$200 per day
- 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.

