

Forestry

Some useful links and tips for expanding your industry sector insight.

Exploring Forestry

I'm looking for general information that's easy to navigate and share.

[My World of Work: Industries – Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing](#)

One of the MyWoW industry pages, offering a sector overview and video, employment figures, a selection of related jobs to explore, useful school subjects and network links.

Also see: the Green [Industry pages](#)

[Green Jobs for Nature](#) (UK)

Created to help people explore 'Green' careers, including forestry. Provides job profiles, pathway information and a very helpful [Jargon Buster](#).

Created by the [Chartered Institute of Ecology & Environmental Management](#).

Forestry Insight & Statistics

I'm looking to build a better understanding of this sector within the Scottish labour market, regions, and local authority areas.

[Regional Skills Assessments\(RSAs\) & Data Matrix](#)

You can view current and forecast job numbers for 'Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing' by region in each RSA Report, the RSA Rural Scotland Report and/or view data for the 'Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing' sector in each Local Authority via the interactive Data Matrix.

Also see: [RSAs & SSAs webinars](#).

[Forestry Worker](#) and [Forestry Manager Job Profiles](#)

are available to explore on My WoW with LMI around wages, employment numbers in the next 5 years and routes in.

Also see: CareerSmart [Forestry Workers](#) profile for additional UK LMI data

[Skills Action Plan for Rural Scotland homepage](#)

Forestry appears in this dedicated area, with blogs, newsletter and the Rural Employers Toolkit.

Also see: #RuralSkillsScotland within social media

[Scottish Government: Farming & Rural Topic Area](#)

This topic has a [Forestry](#) section, offering an overview, latest sector news and key policies.

Industry Insight

Often the best place to find data and insight on a sector is from governing bodies, national agencies, and trade unions. For Forestry this includes:

Scottish Forestry

Scottish Government agency responsible for forestry policy, support, and regulations.

Information on [Scottish forestry business](#) and [Working with us](#) has a 'Starting out in forestry' area with useful learning and career information, includes links to the LANTRA 'Working with Trees & Timber' induction pack. They also have Forestry job profiles.

Their [Working With Us](#) jobs area has job and apprenticeships information.

Also see: [Scottish Forestry YouTube Forestry & Land Scotland](#)

LMI for Learning

I'm looking for resources and videos that will help me understand and share labour market insight and experiences with a young person or group.

Marketplace

Joint DYW and SDS opportunity zone for all industry sectors, with nature linked work inspiration and preparation content for young people and well as experience opportunities. There are also 'influencer' events and resources for professionals, parents & carers.

Outdoor & Woodland Learning

[Scotland \(OWL\)](#) Resources and support to deliver outdoor learning and experience to young people.

[Scottish Junior Forester Award, Royal Forestry Society](#) Insight into careers in forestry and skills to support school and local woodland management.

Institute of Chartered Forestry (UK)

The Royal Chartered body for foresters and arboriculturists in the UK. They have a range of career insight videos and a [career information area](#) with learning, work experience, volunteering and vacancy links.

Confederation of Forest Industries (CONFOR) (UK)

A membership organisation for sustainable forestry and wood-using businesses. Has career case studies, vacancy search, and some great videos like 'Forestry Careers in 60 Seconds'.

Also see: CONFOR [YouTube](#)

Woodland Trust – Green Tree Schools

[Award](#) School environmental projects, which can lead to bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards.

PlanitPlus: Career Areas - Animal, Land & Environment

The Planit Plus areas include LMI facts & figures as well as a downloadable Career Pathways PDF highlighting progression routes.

Nature linked jobs appear in most of their science, geography and engineering posters while forestry is specified in the Environmental Science [Subject Career posters](#)

LMI for Next Steps

I'm looking for insight about getting started in the sector.

Volunteering

Examples: [NatureScot](#) or [Woodland Trust](#)

This is a way many people get started in nature-based careers, industry bodies and nature linked charities will often have volunteering opportunities and programmes.

Training

Example: [LANTRA](#)

This is a good place to look, it's the awarding body for land-based industries in the UK and Republic of Ireland with focused web areas like [LANTRA Scotland](#). It offers career profiles and paths, resources for [schools](#) and funding / training links, such as the Women in Forestry Courses.

Also see: [LANTRA Youtube](#)

Specialist Jobsites

Example: [Countryside Jobs Service](#)
Specialist site like CJS have a focus on rural opportunities, including forest and woodland work, and are useful for both job research and job search.

Private Sector Jobsites

Examples: [Tilhill](#) and [Scottish Woodlands](#)

Forestry companies may have direct application job or apprenticeship opportunities on their company websites / career pages – also useful to follow companies on social media.

Enterprise

Example: [Business Gateway - Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing](#)

Explore business start-up options, with a 'Forest Industries' market report, business links and stories from entrepreneurs.

Next Steps – Apprenticeships

[Apprenticeship.Scot](#)

Includes useful tools such as '[Explore your options](#)' showing where Foundation Apprenticeships (FA) might lead and the academic value colleges and universities give FA's (usually 1 Higher at A or B).

[SDS Statistics area](#)

If you are looking for data on Apprenticeship uptake and completion the SDS Statistics area has quarterly Modern Apprenticeship report.

[Framework A-Z](#)

View a description, qualification level / levels, learning intentions and potential career links of every Scottish Apprenticeship. For Forestry this could include:

MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS (MA) work & study

- [MA Trees & Timber](#) (SCQF levels 5 / 6 / 8)
- [MA Rural Skills](#) (SCQF 5, 6 or 7)
- [MA Rural Land & Management Technical](#) (SCQF 8)

For learners experience of Apprenticeships see: [Scottish Apprenticeships YouTube](#)

Next Steps – Education

You can search for forest or nature jobs and course options on [My World of Work](#) but if you need more data on these education pathways and destinations here are a couple of sources:

[Scottish Funding Council \(SFC\): College Leaver Destinations](#)

In this annual report you can see number of leavers by subject areas – including Land-based Industries - and level of study with an indication of numbers entering work or further study.

[Discover Uni](#)

Allows you to view individual university course data, including forestry or ecology courses, and compare individual course / university insight, such as, student satisfaction rates, average earnings and employment after the course.

Much of the data is from [HESA – Higher Education Statistics Agency](#) where you can get student and graduate destination data linked to agriculture and geography, earth & environment courses.

Thanks for your time – if you have any comments, questions or suggestions contact us at: education@sds.co.uk