

## SERVICE

## NOC 2225

### ARBORIST (A.C.A., non-restricted certified trade )

#### WORK DESCRIPTION

*What would I be doing?*

An arborist is a person who:

- plants, prunes, maintains and removes trees and woody plants
- climbs trees and works at heights
- works with various hand and power tools
- removes shrubs and prunes woody plants
- identifies and treats disease and pests
- safely and carefully removes damaged or diseased trees
- works with damaged trees and bushes to restore them and maintain them in good condition
- fertilizes, irrigates and aerates woody plants
- handles the safe transfer of trees and plants from nursery to site

Arborists normally work a standard forty-hour week. They may work shifts. The work is outdoors and requires good physical stamina.

#### PLACE OF WORK

*Who needs Arborists ?*

- landscape designers and contractors,
- lawn service,

- tree care establishments,
- golf courses,
- nurseries and greenhouses,
- municipal and provincial parks,
- some are self-employed.

#### CONDITIONS OF WORK

**An Arborist is a non-restricted certified trade.**

A person may or may not have a valid Certificate of Qualification to work in the trade. Apprenticeship is recommended. A Cooperative Education student, who is not a signed apprentice, does not have to be paid. An apprentice **may** be paid wages.

#### SALARIES/WAGES

The salary depends on the employer, years of experience, and level of training. In unionized places the wages and conditions of work are negotiated collectively.

***In the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area, Arborists can earn \$ 8.00 - \$25.00 per hour, averaging \$ 11.00 per hour.***

(Over)

## PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

### RATING: *fair*

There is a constant demand for Arborists.

## APPRENTICESHIP IN THE ARBORIST TRADE

- takes about 3 to 4 years or about 7 000 h, including 600 h of in-school training; prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies,
- a Certificate of Apprenticeship is issued upon completion of the apprenticeship,
- must pass the Certificate of Qualification exam to receive a Certificate of Qualification with journeyman status,
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is not available in this trade.

### In-School Education:

An OYAP student must be 16 years old and completed Grade 10 (or equivalent). Otherwise, all apprenticeship applicants must successfully complete Grade 12 (OSSD) or equivalent. The following competencies are valuable:

English, *Communication and*  
Mathematics, *mechanical skills,*  
Biology. *ability to work*  
*at heights,*  
*problem-solving skills*

OYAP students must be full-time students in high school and those who obtain apprenticeships will complete the apprenticeship curriculum in college or an approved Training Delivery Agent.

*Specific skills learned in school are:*  
*safety, using and maintaining hand and*

*power tools and equipment, measuring devices, shop equipment, trade calculations, Chemical application, plant diseases, trade communication, estimating costs.*

### On the Job Training

- As a high school Cooperative Education credit (towards O.S.S.D.), learning is connected to one of the school subjects.
- The Apprentices must follow a program in the **Apprenticeship Training Standards** book which is given to them in the workplace when they register. As each competency is achieved the employer signs it off.

## OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

A Certificate as a journeyman is not required to start working as an Arborist. A registration as an apprentice and becoming a journeyman are the first steps in growth. A journeyman may:

- become a foreperson or supervisor,
- start own small business,
- work in related areas or occupations.

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Landscape Architect,
- Forestry Technician/ Technologist,
- Nursery and Greenhouse Worker.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*Whom should I call?*

School Guidance/Co-Op Office  
Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788  
London: 1 800 265 1050  
Apprenticeship web: [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca)  
EMOLTB web site: [www.localboard.on.ca](http://www.localboard.on.ca)  
Training Hotline: 1 800 387 5656  
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