

Forestry Technician 2(A)-(B)-3, Lands and Forestry, St. Peters - Competition # 17420

Permanent

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About Us

Nova Scotia is rich in natural resources – including biodiversity, forests, provincial parks and the land we manage. The Department of Lands and Forestry is responsible for the development, management, conservation and protection of forest, parks and wildlife resources and the administration of the province's Crown land. Together we are working with Nova Scotians to build a better future through sustainable natural resource management as we all benefit from the natural health and wealth of the province.

Designated Position

We are committed to be a workforce that is inclusive, culturally competent, free of discrimination, values diversity and is representative of the people of Nova Scotia. This position is designated for an Aboriginal person. **All applicants must self-identify when applying.**

About Our Opportunity

Are you looking for a challenging position that allows you to work outside and brings you personal satisfaction and accomplishment?

If so, then this is the position for you! We are looking for a Forestry Technician who will deliver departmental programs concerning the development, maintenance, protection and public education of forestry, wildlife and recreation resources. The focus of this position will be the delivery of the Wildlife, Crown Lands management, Wood Acquisition Program (WAP), Provincial Parks, Wildfire Management, Land Administration and Extension Program areas. You may be involved in a number of activities including:

- Crown Land or Private Land management
- Monitoring for Forest Sustainability Regulations compliance
- Forest fire prevention and suppression
- Wildlife studies, biological surveys & insects and diseases surveys
- Parks operations & property and vehicle maintenance
- Land administration
- Public outreach and education activities

Those who believe in teamwork, safety and are passionate about the preservation of Nova Scotia's natural resources will do well in this role.

This position reports to a District Supervisor/Area Manager.

About You

You have successfully completed a department recognized two-year forestry or related Natural Resources Technical Diploma (Transcript upon request).

You have a valid NS driver's license (minimum Class 5) or equivalent.

You have a demonstrated knowledge and experience in the principles and practices of forest resource management, forest fire prevention and suppression measures and wildlife management including the safe use of firearms (long guns).

You have a proven knowledge and experience in the processes, policies, procedures and regulations related to the Wildlife Management, Wood Acquisition Program (WAP), WHWP Regulations, Crown Road and Extension methods. You are also knowledgeable in the principles and practices involved in wildland fire, public education activities and occupational health & safety.

You are a strong communicator (both verbally and in writing) with sound judgement and provide exceptional service to clients and respond appropriately to crisis situations. You have a strong working knowledge of computer applications including GPS systems and equipment and ArcView software relating to natural resource management

It will be considered an asset if you have:

- A good understanding of and ability to communicate in the Mi'kmaq language
- Ability to build strong partnerships and positive relationships, particularly with Mi'kmaw and other Indigenous communities
- A Diploma in Advanced Wildlife Technology
- Experience in Wildlife Management and Fire Management
- Certification regarding Canadian Firearm Safety Course
- N.S. Hunter Safety Course
- N.S. Fur Harvester Course
- DNR Rifle and Shotgun course

We will assess the above qualifications using one or more of the following tools: written examination, standardized tests, oral presentations, interview(s), and reference checks.

Other Considerations

You have access to a reliable motor vehicle. You will be required to operate or travel in department vehicles, including off road vehicles, various watercrafts, work in remote areas and travel long distances on foot over rough terrain. You may also travel in departmental aircraft. Evening and weekend work maybe required on occasion.

Pay Grade: TE 16 - TE 25 - Salary Range: \$1,556.00 - \$2,600.00 Bi-Weekly

This is a bargaining unit position initially restricted to current civil service employees represented by the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union (NSGEU).

Failure to apply correctly means that your application will not be given first consideration as a bargaining unit applicant, and will only be included if external applications are pursued.

External applicants and current casual employees will only be considered if there are no qualified civil service bargaining unit candidates.

Our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative, at all job levels, of the citizens we serve. The Government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy and we welcome applications from Aboriginal People, African Nova Scotians and Other Racially Visible Persons, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations or positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on your electronic application.

Offer of employment is conditional upon the completion of all applicable background checks and confirmation of credentials, the results of which must be satisfactory to the employer.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For questions or concerns, please contact Competitions@novascotia.ca.