



Nova Scotia's Forestry Sector Council (FORSEC)

Updates and look ahead

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About FORSEC

The Forestry Sector Council is a not-for-profit dedicated to developing a skilled and professional workforce for the forestry sector in Nova Scotia.



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2025 Highlights

Attraction, Recruitment, & Retention

- Youth engagement
- FORSEC Symposium
- Women+ Conference
- Outdoor show and Turo Stampede
- Techsploration
- Outreach Video Series
- Women's Mentorship Program

Training and Education

- Continuous Improvement programming:
 - Block Assessment Tool
 - Block Reconciliation Tool
 - Maintenance tools
- SkillsPass
- Training Needs Assessment

Forestry Digital Adoption Program



FORESTRY DIGITAL
ADOPTION PROGRAM



Women's Mentorship

- Structured 6-month 1:1 mentorship program
 - Upcoming cohort June 2026
- Women's Mentorship Group



Continuous Improvement

- Pilot project with 11 harvesting & trucking contractors
- Popular improvements to date:
 - Block Reconciliation Tool
 - Team Fuel Incentive Program
 - ConnecTeam App
 - ...and many more!



Human Resources Services

- On-demand third-party HR consulting services
- FREE with FORSEC membership
- Services include:
 - HR Advising
 - Recruitment
 - Policy Development
 - HR Programs and Process
 - Workplace Investigations



FORSEC Job Board

Explore Forestry Jobs in Atlantic Canada

The Forestry Sector Council's Job Board connects employers with skilled talent and helps job seekers find opportunities across Nova Scotia's forestry sector.

Members post as part of their member's benefit package, while non-members can share jobs for \$150 per 30-day listing. Whether you're hiring or searching for your next role, this is your hub for forestry careers in Nova Scotia. For more info, contact info@forestrysectorcouncil.ca.

Post a Job

Keyword ...

Location ...



- Co-op
- Consultant
- Full-time
- Internship
- Part-time
- Term/Contract



Harvesting Lead

Scott and Stewart Forestry Consultants

📍 Field-based, Office located in St. Andrews, Nova Scotia

FULL-TIME

Jan, 30



Looking ahead to 2026

Women's Mentorship Program – next registration begins in June

FORSEC AGM – June 16, 2026, including interactive professional development workshops.

- Currently two open board seats

Upskill Training - Mentorship coaching and advanced training for current operators

Forestry Equipment Operator Trade Designation – end of 2026

Looking ahead to 2026 cont.

Pilot Placement Initiative –Forestry equipment operator
2-week placement and training

GIS Technology Training – Classroom and field learning
with access to a free subscription and tablet

Continued Productivity Improvement Initiatives –
CI Project Replication Round 1,2,...

Human Resources – Succession plan

Thank you!
Questions?

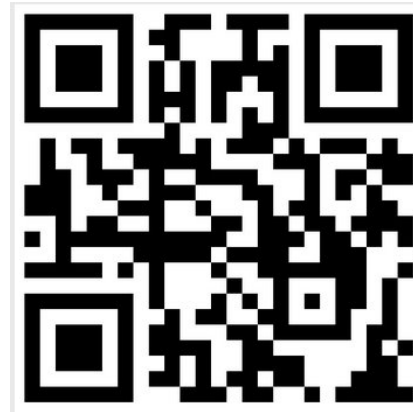


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Programs



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Pursuing Upskilling & Supporting Entry

Finding ways to work within the structure

- There is a draft occupational standard in review for Forestry Equipment Operators, that we expect to see completed within the year.
- A quick response method has been through mentorship programs, recruiting mentors, and meeting operators in the field to rapidly upskill new and experienced workers. We will be launching programming around this in the coming months.
- We offer members access to SkillsPass, which is a large variety of self-directed courses designed to ensure that workers stay skilled in today's workforce and able to respond to market demands.

