

AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYMENT COVENANT

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Industry

General Overview

The agriculture, forestry and fishing industry includes growing crops, raising animals and growing and harvesting timber. It also includes harvesting fish and other animals from farms and their natural habitats. Forestry and logging activities include growing, maintaining and harvesting forests, as well as gathering forest products. Fishing, hunting and trapping include gathering or catching marine life such as fish or shellfish or other animals from their uncontrolled natural environments, in water or on land.

Working for this industry allows you to be involved in a range of different and exciting tasks, such as land management, efforts to conserve, extend or rationalise exploitation of forest resources and forest pest and disease control activities. You can be involved in protecting, maintaining and preserving our beautiful country.

So what sort of person do you need to be to work in this industry? This industry can be very physically demanding as you often work outdoors in various weather conditions. Therefore, you need the ability to cope with these conditions and be able to meet physical demands. However, with the bad comes the good and there will be days when fine weather allows you to bask in the splendours of nature, the ideal job for those of us who do not want to be stuck indoors, behind a desk. This industry requires employees who:

- ✓ Can work outdoors and, at times, in poor weather conditions and often in isolated areas
- ✓ Have the ability to perform tasks that are physically demanding and sometimes hazardous
- ✓ Enjoy working with flora and fauna
- ✓ Have the ability to work alone and as part of a team

The Jobs

There are a variety of positions available in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry. Below are a few examples:

Forest and Conservation Workers - Forest and conservation workers perform a variety of tasks to reforest and conserve timberlands and to maintain forest facilities, such as roads and campsites. Forest workers remove diseased or undesirable trees with power saws or handsaws, spray trees with insecticides and fungicides to kill insects and protect against disease. You will also apply herbicides to undesirable brush and trees to reduce competing vegetation.

Dairy/Farmhand - A dairy farm hand works on farms, mainly concerned with milk production. They round up cows, secure them in bails in the milking shed, wash udders and attach milking apparatuses and milk the cows. They may also be involved in the breeding side of dairy farming.

Fish Farmhand - Fish farmhands assist with the growing and cultivation of fish and the maintenance of fish farm premises and equipment. Fish farm hands may be employed in finfish or shellfish farming. They usually work outside, either on or in the water and at shore-based facilities. Fish farms are generally located in sheltered waters.

Industry Requirements

- ✓ If you are looking for an easygoing Monday to Friday job this industry will not suit you
- ✓ You need to be prepared for labour intensive tasks
- ✓ You may be required to work odd hours such as very early mornings
- ✓ You need to have good observational skills
- ✓ Some jobs will require the ability to swim and be comfortable with working in water

Participant Details

Name:

Address:

Contact Number 1:

Contact Number 2:

Job Seeker ID:

Job Network Provider:

Case Manager Name:

Phone Number:

Mobile Number:

Email:

Training Details

Dates:

Training Provider:

Training Location:

Trainer Name:

Uniform Requirements:

Meals Required:

Other Requirements:

Minimum Requirements Checklist

- Are you available to work early mornings and weekends?
- Are you physically able to undertake the demands of these positions?
- Does working in nature, with all its beauty and challenges, appeal to you?
- Are you able to work on your own for long periods as well as part of a team?
- Do you take your safety and the safety of others seriously?
- Are you comfortable working around water? (Not applicable for all positions).
- Are you aware of the world around you? Do you have great observations skills?
- A Drivers License is required for some positions.

Signatures

Participant Name:

Participant Signature:

Case Manager Name:

Case Manager Signature: