

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title: Land Clearing Arborist

Job description: An arborist, or (less commonly) arboriculturist, is a professional in the practice of arboriculture, which is the cultivation, management, and study of individual trees, shrubs, vines, and other perennial woody plants. A land clearing arborist is one who works on large projects and drives large machines.

Qualifications required: Along with NZQA Level 4 arborist qualifications, on the job forestry training can be provided.

Training costs: Two year full time course to become an arborist will cost \$6000, then additional on the job training to suit the land clearing role.

Career path: A school leaver will work as a trainee and build up experience whilst working with a qualified tree crew. Experience is very important as the job can involve working with helicopters and cranes. Senior crew will be looking at leadership roles to a foreman. In a large company there are project and business managers, these roles focus on business management skills.

Salary range:

An experienced and qualified land clearing arborist can earn up to \$30 per hour.

Other careers this profession could lead to: Consultants

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry: Work experience and an interest in the environment and sports.

Other places to source information about this job: Otago Polytechnic and WINTEC

Other relevant points: In NZ there is a shortage of qualified people so there are plenty of opportunities. It's much the same story in Australia and Europe.