

SAWMILL OPERATOR

A sawmill operator is responsible for daily production, quality control, safety, and daily operation of a sawmill and management of its employees.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Operate sawmill to saw logs into rough sawn lumber and dimensional lumber
- Install and maintain all sawmill/planer machinery and equipment
- Utilize woodworking tools like hand-held router, table saw, band saw, miter saw, sander, etc. when necessary
- Train machine operators and employees of the sawmill
- Perform preventative maintenance of mill including repair planning
- Operate a loader and/or forklift to lift and load logs, cants, and boards onto trailers
- Ensure quality assurance of lumber product output
- Stack and palletize materials
- Grade lumber
- Maintain safe operations by adhering to safety procedures and regulations and utilizing safety equipment
- Troubleshoot equipment that is not functioning properly
- Clean and organize sawmill regularly



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

High school diploma required, but training in sawmill maintenance or other millwright maintenance encouraged

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education courses, natural resources, industrial technology, business and computer courses, and mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Lumber or timber companies and suppliers as well as lumber product manufacturers, often in forested areas

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Hardwood Lumber Association
- Timber Products Manufacturers Association

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$32,000