



FIELD WORKERS

Drilling, oilfield servicing and seismic contractors, as well as some pipeline companies, employ close to 10,000 Field Workers. The jobs tend to be routine in nature and the training is done on-the-job. These occupations provide a good entry point for the industry and assist in the operation of the rig equipment when drilling, completing or maintaining a well.



How do I get there?

These jobs do not require formal education higher than a high school diploma. However, good math skills, a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn are essential. Health and safety certification is key for these roles and in some cases a driver's license is required.



What would I do?

The top competencies for Field Workers include:

- ▶ Public safety and security
- ▶ Mechanical
- ▶ Active listening
- ▶ Service orientation
- ▶ Attention to detail



Career Progression

These are typically entry level positions. Workers can advance to operators and trades roles with appropriate educational qualifications, on-the-job training and completion of further technical and/or apprenticeship training.



What careers could I have?

Careers in the field workers category of the petroleum industry include:

- ▶ Drilling and Service Rig Labourer
- ▶ Other Labourers
- ▶ Pipeline Transportation Labourer
- ▶ Seismic Labourer
- ▶ Swamper
- ▶ Vibe Technician
- ▶ Well Services Labourer

EXPLORE OCCUPATIONS IN THIS CATEGORY



How can I find out more?

The following websites can provide additional information

- ▶ Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (www.cagc.ca)
- ▶ Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (www.caodc.ca)
- ▶ Enform (www.enform.ca)
- ▶ Petroleum Services Association of Canada (www.psac.ca)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Check out petroleum industry museums, such as the Canadian Petroleum Discovery Centre Leduc #1. Participate in National Technology Week – visit www.cctt.ca to see a host of activities along with interactive and fun resources to help students, teachers and parents explore technical careers.

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