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Work in ...

GREENHOUSE WORKER

QUICK FACTS

- Work in a greenhouse can be seasonal or year round.
- Work within a tree nursery is normally seasonal (Jan-April, June-July, Oct-Nov.)
- Shifts are generally 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, and may include weekends and holidays.
- A flexible work schedule is required.
- Duties in a vegetable greenhouse include working with plants from planting to picking.
- Duties in a tree nursery range from seeding to transplanting.
- Employees should not be afraid of getting dirty.

NATURE OF WORK

Vegetable Greenhouse

- Planting at the beginning of the season.
- Pulling out plants at the end of the season.
- Planting, picking, pruning & wrapping cucumbers, peppers, and tomatoes.
- Physical requirements may include:
 - Standing on a cart which is raised as the plants grow
 - Ability to lift 9.1 kg – 13.6 kg.
- The work environment is repetitive.
- Work is indoors inside a greenhouse.
- Employers provide on-the-job training.
- Employment is full-time and can be seasonal to year round work.

Tree Nursery

- Duties include seeding, thinning, transplanting, and weeding.
- Operating stationary equipment, driving a lawn mower, use of a weed eater and shoveling.
- Work consists of both indoor and outdoor work.
- Physical requirements for this job include:
 - Heavy lifting up to 11.4kg.
 - Standing for long hours on a production line
 - Ability to fit between support rails for seedling trays that are approx. 58.42 cm apart

General

- The average wage range for a Greenhouse or Nursery Worker in Southeastern Alberta ranges from \$8.30 to \$12.00 per hour.
- For additional information, visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca (NOC# 8432).





WHAT EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR

- Grade 10 to Grade 12 is preferred but not mandatory.
- Basic skills in reading and writing are required.
- Previous training or experience is an asset, but not mandatory.
- A willingness to work.
- Self-motivated and ability to get to work on time.
- An interest in working with plants.
- Good eye and hand coordination.
- Some employers provide hand and eye testing.
- Transportation to get to and from work.

RELATED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- If employees stay long enough, opportunities may exist to advance to a supervisor of a small group.
- The employer provides on-the-job training. Internal training programs may be available.
- Visit the **Corporate Education Network** for additional training opportunities specifically in Southeast Alberta (www.cenetwork.ca).

HOW TO APPLY

- Hiring procedures vary depending on the employer. Generally, job seekers are to submit a resume or complete a company application form. Apply in person, by mail or by fax directly to the company office.
- Check www.jobbank.gc.ca for current job listings in Southeast Alberta.

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Chinook Greenhouses (www.c2ctrees.com)
- Holsom Growers Inc.
- Oyen Greenhouses, Oyen
- P & D Growers
- Prairie Growers
- Red Rock Nursery (www.c2ctrees.com)
- Riverview Garden Centre (www.windmillgardencentre.com)
- Rolling Acres Greenhouses, Redcliff
- Sunharvest Greenhouses
- Sunshine Greenhouses