

Job Title: Forestry Apprentice

Location: Durham

Contract: Full time, permanent

James Jones & Sons Ltd is a 5th generation family business and one of the UK's largest and most progressive timber processing companies with core activities in timber harvesting, sawmilling, pallets & packaging, and distribution. We operate from 25 sites across the UK, 19 Australian and 2 New Zealand sites and employ over 2,100 people. In the UK, we operate seven sawmills throughout Scotland and the Northeast of England: an engineered wood manufacturing plant in the north of Scotland and pallet and packaging operations at 14 sites across the UK. We produce high quality, British grown timber for the UK construction, landscaping, and agricultural sectors; market-leading JJI-Joists for the housebuilding and construction markets and pallets and packaging for blue chip domestic and exporting businesses.

For further information about James Jones & Sons Ltd, visit www.jamesjones.co.uk

About the role:

We are looking to appoint a Forestry Apprentice who is looking to embark on a varied and rewarding career in the forestry and wood products sector with one of the most reputable and established companies in the industry.

The expectation will be that the right candidate is enrolled on a Level 6 (Degree Level) Apprenticeship with the University of Cumbria once they have been successfully recruited. The apprenticeship course will start in September 2025 and the successful candidate must have the necessary documents to enrol on this course, these include:

- English and Maths Certificates at level 2 or GCSE grade C/4 or above
- A birth certificate and/or passport
- Other photo identification, if no passport is available

This role will be office based, the location will be in Durham and will be discussed during the recruitment and interview process. There will be an expectation that the successful candidate can travel between sites and travel provision will be made available.

Candidates should have a willingness to learn new skills, especially outside areas of existing knowledge, be adaptable to change in a dynamic environment and be self-reliant, focused, and able to work on your own initiative.



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Essential Skills & Knowledge:

- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Willingness to learn about the business and the forestry and wood products industry
- Full driving license

The following Skills and Knowledge would be an advantage:

- Existing knowledge or experience of the forestry and wood products industry
- Practical experience in the rural/outdoor environment

Key tasks and responsibilities:

- Measuring standing timber and carrying out crop assessments
- Monitoring harvesting operations
- Supporting and updating GIS maps and site paperwork
- Supporting the Wood Supply and Harvesting team with operational delivery
- Applying the knowledge and training from the apprenticeship course to the day-to-day work

Qualifications: English and Maths Certificates at level 2 or GCSE grade C/4 or above

Benefits package includes:

- Annual salary of £25,000
- 33 days holiday (inclusive of public holidays)
- Employer Pension contribution
- Health & Wellbeing services (Remote GPs, Mental Health Support, Physio)
- Life Assurance Cover

Recruitment Process:

- Please submit a CV and covering letter to – Recruitment@taylormadetimber.co.uk

All applicants must have the right to work in the UK without the need for sponsorship.

Closing date: 30th April 2025