

Sawmill Manager

Description

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

Education/Training Requirements

- High School Diploma (required)
- Training in sawmill or other millwright maintenance (preferred)
- Forklift operating certificate/license (preferred)

Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Business
- Computer Skills
- Industrial Technology
- Mathematics
- Natural Resources

Common Responsibilities

- Operate sawmill to saw logs into rough-sawn 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.
- Train machine operators and employees of the sawmill
- Perform preventative maintenance on the 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 the sawmill regularly

Typical Employers

Sawmill operators work for lumber/timber companies and suppliers as well as lumber product manufacturers, often in forested areas.

Additional Resources

[National Hardwood Lumber Association](#)

[Pennsylvania Forest Products Association](#)

[Society of American Foresters](#)

[Timber Products Manufacturers Association](#)