

From a tree nursery to a paper mill – from a scientific laboratory to a timber engineering plant – from the operator’s cab of heavy machinery in a logging coupe to an office in the marketing department of an international wholesaler – the forest industry offers a wide range of career opportunities.



Tasmania’s forest industry provides employment to more than 10,000 people – of every 100 people in the State’s workforce, five of them are working in the forest industry. The work they do contributes around \$1.3 billion to the State’s economy each year. The forest industry is Tasmania’s largest value-adding industry

sector – and the second largest (after mining and mineral processing) in turnover.

Perhaps it’s more accurate to use the term ‘forest industries’, because the wider sector offers so many different employment options and career paths.

It might begin with the propagation of seedlings in a tree nursery, or with

the collection of seed in a native forest – and end with the operation of high-tech machinery in a manufacturing plant producing engineered timber products.

In this huge and important industry, the career opportunities are just as extensive.

Australia’s smallest state is a major player in the forest industries sector.

Tasmania provides:

- 70% of Decorative Veneers
- 65% of National Hardwood Production
- 55% of Australian Newsprint Production
- 50% of Australian-Made Printing & Writing Paper
- 45% of Woodchip Exports

Source: <http://www.development.tas.gov.au/invest/opportunities/forestry>