

# Log Grader and Scaler



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## High School Courses

- Forestry
- Math
- Statistics
- Business



## Education/Training

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Optional 2-year degree in forestry or related field



## Responsibilities

- Identify and inspect logs
- Grade logs
- Estimate total volume of logs
- Keep records and inventory
- Compile and tally records
- Direct movement of logs to next steps in the process



## Skills

- Identify logs
- Use tools to measure logs and estimate volume of lumber in a log
- Apply mathematics
- Identify trees
- Maintain accurate records
- Pay attention to detail
- Problem solve



## Abilities/Personality

- Strong, able to lift 50 pounds
- Able to roll large logs and bend over repeatedly
- Resilient
- Dependable



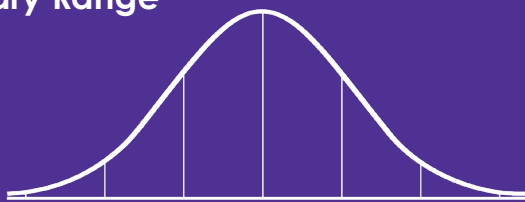
## Work Environment

Log graders and scalers work outside most of the day and need to be prepared for all types of weather. They are physically active while investigating and measuring the logs to grade them properly.

## Job Description

Log graders and scalers identify the species, quality, and volume of logs. They check logs in the yard for rot and other defects, straightness, length, and diameter to estimate the quality of lumber that can be milled from a log. They also track how many logs are delivered and used at the mill. Log graders and scalers often use handheld recording devices to keep inventory and may move, load and unload logs, and paint the ends of logs for identification.

## Salary Range



\$32,000  
Low end

\$47,000  
Median

\$64,000  
High end

