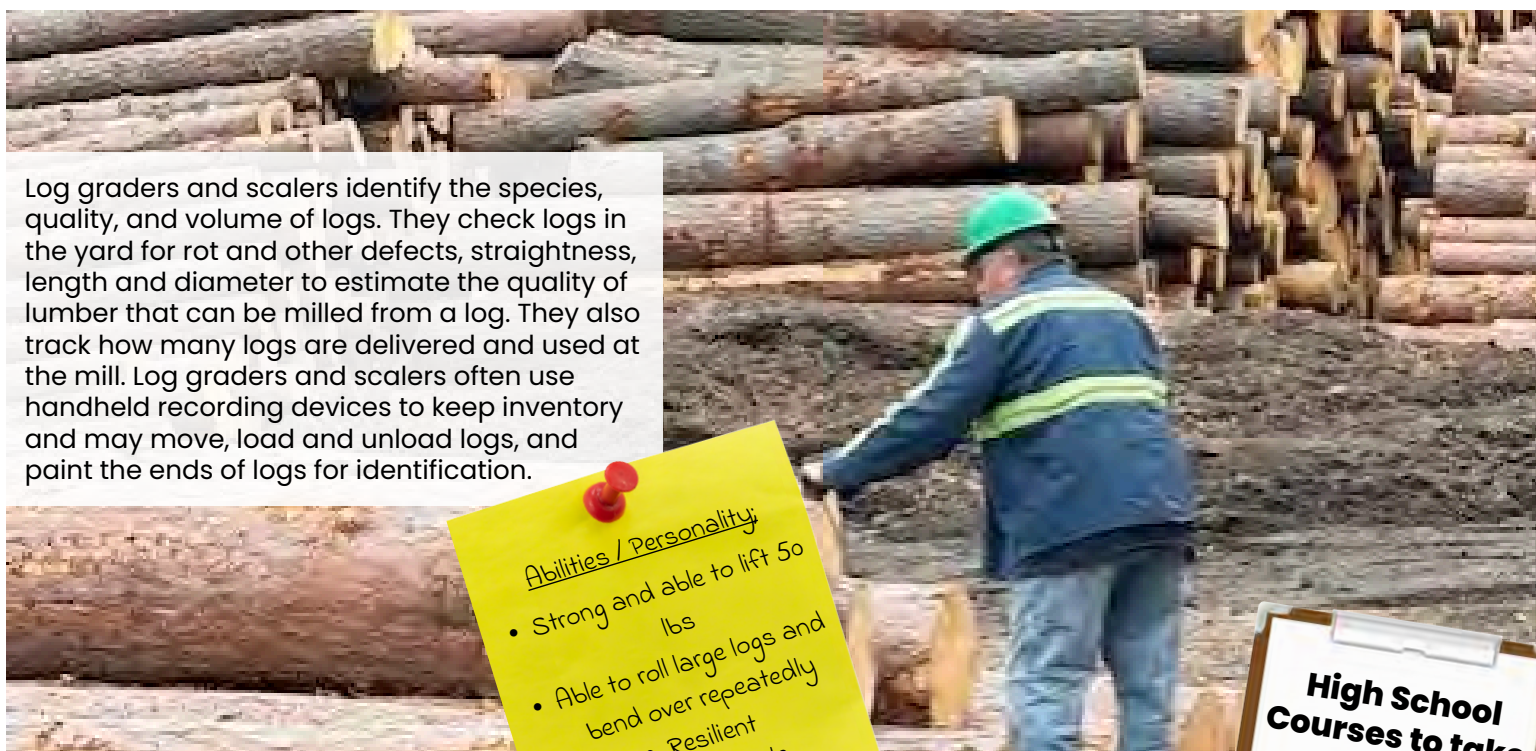


# Log Grader or Scaler



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.

- Abilities / Personality:
- Strong and able to lift 50 lbs
  - Able to roll large logs and bend over repeatedly
    - Resilient
    - Dependable

## High School Courses to take

- Forestry
- Math
- Statistics
- Business

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## Salary



## Education / Training

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

## Outlook (2022 - 2032)

**-2%**

There will be 2% less jobs by the year 2032

## Work Environment

Log graders and scalers are 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.

## Skills

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

## Responsibilities

- Identify and inspect logs
- Grade logs
- Estimate total volume of logs
- Keep records and inventory
- Compile and tally records
- Direct movement of logs

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