



## Forestry Training Fund

### **About the Forestry Training Fund**

A government-backed Forestry Training Fund is available to cover training costs for short, practical forestry courses. Funding is available for people considering a change of career or seeking to build and diversify their skills in forestry and who want to undertake a forestry-related training course.

The Fund Offers 100% funding for eligible courses and expect grants to be in the range of £150-£3,000. Funding will be paid directly to the training provider.

### **What types of courses qualify for funding?**

Courses available include teaching specific skills like coppicing and chainsaw maintenance, and broader learning on managing your woodland; planning and planting a new woodland; marketing and selling timber; fencing and hedge laying.

You may request courses that are not on the suggested list of courses, and we will assess the suitability of the course.

There is no limit - applications for funding to cover training courses can be made multiple times as long as it can be demonstrated that individual courses are developing a person's career.

### **How to apply for the Fund/ Eligible Courses**

Simply visit [Forestry Training Fund portal](#), fill in an application form giving details of the course you would like to undertake and with which training provider, and if successful, course fees will be covered and paid directly to the training provider.

Details of eligible courses and training providers can be found at [Forestry Training Fund portal](#).

Demand for the Forestry Training Fund Grant has been extremely high. All available funding for training courses to be undertaken prior to 31st March 2024 is now currently allocated. Funds may be released if successful grant applicants do not use their allocation so applications can still be submitted but there may be delay in getting approval or you may be asked to reapply for courses running after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Some applicants may just wish to apply for courses running after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Myerscough are working hard to set course dates for April 2024 onwards however, if there is no date for the course you are interested in, please email us at [adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk) and we can advise.

### **Find out if you are eligible**

The fund accepts applications from:

- people who would like to take a step towards a career in forestry
- people currently working in other land-based sectors (such as agriculture) who would like to broaden their skill base
- people wanting to switch careers and need to develop skills to get them started
- people currently working in forestry who would like to develop their skills

Funding is available to those applicants who work and operate in England.

### **Process for booking**

#### **1. Finding a suitable date**

Before submitting your grant application, please go onto the appropriate course factsheet. Please select the date you wish to attend the course (please do not select this if the course is showing as full). Email [adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk) to check there is still availability on your chosen programme.

#### **2. Submitting the Grant Application**

Next submit your Forestry Training Fund Grant application. **Please ensure you apply using the Forestry Training Grant Fee- not the advertised headline fee (if**

**different) for your grant application or we will need to bill you the additional amount.** This fee difference is because we use different government funding to help us cap our advertised rates. Applicants claiming this forestry grant are ineligible for other funding and so we must apply a slightly different fee.

### **3. Contact Myerscough College to book the course**

As soon as your approval is through, please contact the College through [adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk) to complete your booking. This cannot be done online as online booking is linked to the payment system. Please note we are unable to hold course places whilst funding is applied for. If your chosen date is fully booked, please contact us and we can advise you on the next steps for securing your funded place.

If you are applying for future courses and the website hasn't got a date, please contact us at [adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:adultskills@myerscough.ac.uk) to discuss how best to proceed.

**Please note that Myerscough's cancellation policy still applies and so students withdrawing late may be charged cancellation fees directly.**