



# Log Scaler

## What does a log scaler do?

Every log has a story to tell. Log scalers play a critical role in determining the volume, quality, and value of logs purchased by a sawmill. They inspect, grade, and track incoming log shipments and assist with managing raw material inventories.

### Desired Skills

- Strong work ethic and willingness to work outdoors
- Skills in mathematics, accounting, communications, tree identification, inventory management, and basic computer software including spreadsheets and databases
- Education beyond high school is strongly encouraged and is often required. A degree from a two or four-year wood technology or forestry program can help prepare someone interested in a career as a log scaler



### Fast Facts\*

Average starting hourly wage

**\$18.00**

Average hourly wage with job training and experience

**\$20.00 - 25.00**

\*Based on wage figures provided by LSLA member companies. Figures do not include medical benefits, retirement, or paid vacation. Wages may be commensurate with experience and may vary by region.



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