

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE

Telephone No.: **Arđ./Sal.1020-21.**

All communications should be addressed to the Manager, and the following reference quoted:—



EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE,
51, Princes Street,
ARDROSSAN.

7 JAN 1947

Your reference

Wm Lawson

40 Bonnie Lane

ARDROSSAN

Dear Sir,

Your application for training under the Government Vocational Training Scheme has been received and noted. In view of the number of applications from those for whom the scheme was primarily designed, namely ex-Service men and women who have been prevented by their war service from starting or completing their training, it is regretted that it will not be possible to accept you for training at the present time. Your application, is, however, being retained and you will be advised, when a vacancy becomes available to which you can be allocated.

I should explain that the arrangements for training under this scheme are, as announced by the Government, made in consultation with the representatives of the various industries concerned and the number of training places provided is limited on their advice having regard to the subsequent prospects of employment.

The Local Office will be glad to give you every assistance possible in securing suitable employment meanwhile and this will not affect in any way your position as regards allocation to training when a training vacancy becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

D. W. RAE

Manager.

Any communication should be prepaid and addressed to:—
"THE CONSERVATOR"
and the number and date of this letter should be quoted.



CONSERVANCY OFFICE (WEST)
FORESTRY COMMISSION (SCOTLAND)
53 BOTHWELL STREET,
GLASGOW, C.2.

No. _____

Subject _____

12th February, 1947.

W.M. Lawson, Esq.,
40, Barrie Terrace,
Ardrossan,
Ayrshire.

Dear Sir,

Forest Workers' Training Scheme.

With reference to your acceptance as a Trainee under the above Scheme, it is proposed that you be placed for training at Glenbranter Forest, Strachur, Argyll, to commence on the

20 FEB 1947.

You should travel from your home to Dunoon (warrant enclosed) and from there board the 'bus going to Strachur, disembarking at Bridgend. It is suggested that you travel on the day previous to your commencement of training, namely the **19 FEB 1947** thus giving yourself time to settle in at the hostel.

When you arrive you should report to the Forester in Charge, Mr. J.D. McDonald, who will be in complete charge locally. Any correspondence regarding training, allowances, etc. must come via him to this office.

Allowances will be paid each fortnight by the Forester. Deductions will be made for any unauthorised absence.

All National Health and Unemployment Insurance Cards should be lodged with the Liaison Officer, Ministry of Labour & National Service, 103, Waterloo Street, Glasgow, C.3. These cards will be given a free frank for each complete week of training.

Lodging allowance is payable at the rate of 23/- per week, from which a charge of 6/3d will be deducted for accommodation, rent, and service. The remaining 16/9d should be sufficient to meet the charges for food and cooking.

I enclose forms F.W.T.S.1 and Appendix III for your information.

Yours faithfully,

A. L. McDonald

H.M. FORESTRY COMMISSION

PROSPECTUS
OF
FORESTER TRAINING SCHOOLS
1947

1. The purpose of Forester Training Schools is to give free training to selected young men in the practice and theory of Forestry in order to fit them for supervisory duties. Those who complete the course satisfactorily will be eligible for service either with the Forestry Commission or with private owners of woodlands. No guarantee of employment is given at the end of the course although efforts will be made to see that men are suitably placed.

2. Applicants must have been born on or after 2nd August, 1909 and have attained the age of 19 by the 1st January, 1947.

3. Applicants must be British subjects. They must be willing and able to perform the ordinary duties of a forest worker. No applicant can be considered for training unless he has had, or will have had, at least three months' practical experience of forest operations by the 31st August, 1947. It should be noted that the minimum period of three months practical experience will be raised to at least six months in 1948.

4. Applicants will be required to sit a written examination on general knowledge. If successful, they will be asked to appear before a Selection Board where, among other things, reports on their practical work will be considered. The decision of the Selection Board will be final. Applicants are required to pay their own travelling expenses in connection with their candidature, other than those incurred in appearing before a Selection Board.

A medical certificate as to physical fitness and freedom from disease must be submitted with the application form.

Telephone: Paddington 2083/5

FORESTRY COMMISSION

Education and Publications Branch

Any reply to this letter should
be addressed to:—

Our Reference.....

1 BRYANSTON SQUARE

Your Reference.....

LONDON, W.

W. M. Lawson,

23 October, 1947.

Glenbunter.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to inform you that you have been selected for training at a Forester Training School. Owing to the large number of suitable applicants and the small number of vacancies it will not be possible to offer you training until October, 1948.

This selection is of course subject to you continuing until that time in forestry work and being given continuing satisfactory reports on your work and conduct.

More precise details will be sent to you nearer the start of the course. Please acknowledge your acceptance of your selection to the above address.

Yours faithfully,

John. Q. Williamson.

CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER.

Telegrams: "FORESTRY, GLASGOW."

Telephone: CENTRAL 6868/9.

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No. 9/26.

Subject



CONSERVANCY OFFICE (WEST),
FORESTRY COMMISSION (SCOTLAND),
53 BOTHWELL STREET,
GLASGOW, C.2.

5th February, 1948

Mr. W. Lawson,
Trainee,
Glenbranter.

Dear Sir,

Forest Workers' Training Scheme.
Completion of Training.

On the 20/2/48 you will have completed 52 weeks training under the Forest Workers' Training Scheme. As referred to in the Conditions of Service you should now have sufficient experience of forest work to enable you to be a qualified Forest Worker.

Will you please inform this office if it is your intention to accept work as a Forest Worker with the Commission or on a private estate. On receipt of your reply, arrangements will be made to place you in employment.

As you are entitled on completion of your training to an allowance of 30 Clothing Coupons an application is being made on your behalf for this issue to be sent to you. Under the Resettlement Scheme of the Ministry of Labour, in some circumstances a Trainee is entitled to receive assistance towards travel and also lodging allowances and comparable benefits. You must therefore, make application to the local office of the Ministry of Labour for these benefits and you should do so without delay in order that your eligibility for assistance may be established.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. M.

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FORESTRY COMMISSION (SCOTLAND),
53 BOTHWELL STREET,
GLASGOW, C.2.

Mr. W. Lawson,
Trainee,
Glenbranter.

12th February, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Forest Workers' Training Scheme
Completion of Training

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9th instant and to inform you that I am now authorised to offer you employment with the Commission as a forest worker at Glenbranter. The effective date of your commencement will be 21/2/48 and your rate of pay will be 90/- per 48-hour week.

Your Unemployment Card will be forwarded to you by the Ministry of Labour, Glasgow. I enclose Certificate 'B' which should be handed to your Approved Society in order that you may qualify for any benefits to which you may be entitled.

All your Protective Clothing should be returned to the Forester in charge at your Unit on the last day of service as a Trainee.

Yours faithfully,

for Conservator (West).

9/20

Mr. W. Lawson,
Glenbranter.

3rd March, 1948

Forest Workers' Training Scheme
Completion of Training

I have much pleasure in enclosing a Certificate awarded to you on the successful completion of your training under the Forest Workers' Training Scheme.

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for Conservator (West).

Forestry Commission,
Education & Publications
Branch,
1 Bryanston Square,
LONDON W. 1.

16th August 1948

Dear Sir,

Last October I told you that you had been selected for admission to a Forester Training School but that you would have to wait until October 1948 before starting training.

Please report to.....*..... on Friday the 1st October 1948 and inform Mr *H. Watson*. Education Officer at that address, of your proposed time of arrival. The nearest railway station is *Dunoon Pier*.

You should bring with you your bicycle, towels and ration book.

Before you join the school I wish to remind you that no guarantee of employment is given at the end of the course; men who are successful in obtaining Forestry Commission employment will start work as ex-School gangers if they have obtained their Forester's Certificate.

For record purposes please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

*W. M. Lawson Esq.,
Glenbranter Forest,
Strachan,
Argyll*

Yours faithfully,

John Q. Williamson

Chief Education Officer

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THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR,
FORESTRY SCHOOL,
FORESTRY COMMISSION,
BEN. by DUNOON,
ARGYLL.