



Alberta Wildfire Volunteers

2023 Wildfire Season

Contact us

Interested applicants can submit their information via email by contacting our recruitment team at wf.wildfireemployment@gov.ab.ca or our volunteer coordinators at emergencysupportoffers@gov.ab.ca.

Applications will also be accepted in person at local forest area offices. Contact and location information for forest area offices is available [here](#). See a [map of the forest areas](#) below.

More information about the hiring process can be obtained by calling the FYI-FIRE line at 1-866-394-3473.

How it works

Initial contact

The recruitment team will gather preliminary information on applicants, assess qualifications through screening questions and outline the conditions of employment.

We will respond to email enquiries with a follow-up phone call within one business day. Telephone enquiries will be assessed in the initial discussion, or in a follow-up phone discussion within one business day if a message has been left.

Available positions

Applicants will be asked to identify which position they are interested in. These include:

- Firetack crew member: a list of Firetack contractors will be provided for the applicant to contact.
- Emergency wildland firefighter: the applicant will be put in touch with the appropriate local forest area office.
- Heavy equipment contractor: the applicant will be put in touch with the appropriate local forest area office.
- Support positions: applicants will be asked to complete fitness testing and orientation.

The appropriate position for the applicant will be determined based on skill set, priority of resources and proximity. Applicants should have the relevant information available at time of call.

Minimum requirements

All applicants must be:

- Minimum of 18 years old
- Able to pass a fitness test
 - The [WFX-FIT test](#) is used to determine whether an individual possesses the physical capabilities necessary to meet rigorous demands encountered while fighting wildland fires.
 - Other positions require a moderate fitness test. The field fitness test for fire line support positions requires an individual to walk 3.22 km (2 miles) with a 11.4 kg (25 lbs) pack in 30 minutes or less.
 - Applicants are expected to arrange their own transportation to an approved testing location, either at the local forest area office or in Edmonton. Compensation for costs incurred is not offered.

Onboarding

The onboarding process includes:

- Obtaining human resources information
- Fitness testing
- Orientation
- Online training
 - ICS 100
 - Wildfire Orientation
 - WHMIS

Forest areas map

