

PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

Employer: WEX TEMPLATES

Contact:

Supervisor:

Employer Tel:

Website:

Job: Water Quality Control Assistant

Classification: Science & Laboratories

Ref: 13,102

Aims & Objectives: To develop key skills through the experience of work. To gain an understanding of the work of a busy water quality control department. (BASED IN ST ANDREWS HOUSE, ST ANDREWS)

Key Tasks: This placement covers all aspects of water collection, treatment and quality control. Students will spend time shadowing/ observing trained staff then after training and under supervision may perform basic tasks around the plant and possibly other sites. Tasks may include attending pollution incidents (possibly helping with clearance wearing appropriate personal protective equipment) checking and operating field equipment, water sampling, inputting data and benthic surveys (stirring up stream beds and counting insects etc.).

Requirements: Students should have a keen interest in the environment and enthusiasm for work that is science orientated. Students should display common sense and initiative., listening and following orders carefully. A good standard of education required alongside an ability to work outside in all weathers.

Clothing: Casual dress but Wellington boots and steel toe capped boots are required (boots may be borrowed from the Careers Service on deposit, call 706567)

Working Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4.00pm

Meal Breaks: 12.00-13.15 for lunch. Bring own lunch. (May leave site if preferred.)

Interview Required: Y

Student to Arrange: Y

Notes: Student to contact employer to arrange an interview / informal chat prior to starting the placement.

Employer's Health & Safety Risk Assessment:

This department has a strict health & safety policy which all students must follow without question. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE & AWARENESS:--Student must be supervised at all times. EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY:--Student will not come into contact with hazardous machinery. SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS:--Student will not work at heights. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:--Students must wear any personal protective equipment provided when instructed to do so. CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES:--Student may travel to other sites/ pollution incidents in a vehicle on a one to one with a member of staff. (All staff are police checked). WORKPLACE SPECIFIC HAZARDS:--Students with sickness and /or diarrhoea must not attend. Any cuts to the hands must be covered with waterproof plasters. Students must be up to date with tetanus vaccinations. Care must be taken with personal hygiene (hand washing before eating etc.) if handling raw water.

Special Notes:

Parents/Guardians will be expected to give details of any health problems e.g. epilepsy, asthma etc on the agreement form

Last Visit Date:**Next Visit Date:****Risk Band:** M