

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A CONSERVATION OFFICER



Conservation Officers serve as front line field staff and conduct numerous patrols focusing on hunters, anglers, environmental issues and wilderness tourism. They conduct investigations into reported or detected violations, prepare case files and initiate court actions. Conservation Officers are also involved in public education, administration of wildlife/environmental businesses and responding to wildlife/human conflicts.

All applicants must have a minimum of a college diploma in Renewable Resource Management and have taken extensive enforcement training or have an equivalent qualifications and experience.

Successful candidates must successfully complete training at the Western Conservation Law Enforcement Academy.

The training standard for Conservation Officers is similar to that required for police agencies with additional training given in wilderness skills. Core training includes use of firearms, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, use of chemical mobilants, criminal and procedural law, evidence and court procedures, multi-cultural awareness, swift water rescue, ATV/snowmobile operators, problem wildlife techniques, and small vessel operation.



Prior to being appointed as a Conservation Officer, the following criteria are considered:

- References and background information
- Criminal records check
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have a valid Firearms Possession and Acquisition licence
- Must have current First Aid and CPR certification
- Must pass a multi phase psychological assessment

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are only accepted for advertised positions which go through the regular Yukon Government process of collection through the Public Service Commission (<http://employment.gov.yk.ca/>). Applicants who meet our basic requirements will undergo a multi-stage selection process.