

# Frequently Asked Questions:

## Overview

- ✎ Opportunities continue in Montana and North Dakota energy industry. The oilfield is seeking experienced workers to meet the ever-growing demand.
  
- ✎ Positions are available in both exploration and production. Some of these positions include: shop technician, sales, clerical, mechanical, welder, roustabout, truck driver, electronic tech, operator assistant, seismic, crane operator, concrete finisher, pusher, dispatcher, floor hand, derrick hand, motor man and mud logger.
  
- ✎ Details:
  - Most positions are labor-intensive and involve outdoor work in all weather conditions
  - Minimum age restrictions may be 18 to 21 years old.
  - Drug testing is required in the hiring process and performed randomly on the job.
  - Most positions require a valid driver's license with a clean driving record.
  - Some require a commercial driver's license (CDL) or the ability to obtain one.
    - Most prefer Class A1
    - HazMat is a plus
  - Work schedules vary depending on the job and the company. Some have regulations (CDL) limiting the work hours.

## What do you have for the oilfield?

- ✎ Drilling rigs historically do not list with Job Service. The best thing to do is go online and check there. You can look at [www.jobsnd.com](http://www.jobsnd.com) or check out our oilfield links list.  
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/sidney/documents/oilfieldlinks.pdf>
  
- ✎ Do **you** have oilfield service industry positions?
  - We have positions of all types. Our joblist is categorized for easy use. Oilfield positions are under general labor, oilfield, and transportation.
    - <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/sidney/localbuzz.asp>

- We do not have listings for pumping positions. Often these are advertised by word of mouth.

### **What type of experience is necessary?**

- 🏠 Experience necessary varies by company and the type of position you are applying to.
- 🏠 When searching for an oilfield positions, take the time to consider what skills and talents you already possess. Some will cross over to the industry.
  - A position may be listed as a laborer, but may require welding and a CDL.

### **What is the housing like?**

- 🏠 Housing is very tight. We suggest contacting the realtors in town:
  - Beagle Property 482-4480 [www.beagleproperties.com](http://www.beagleproperties.com)
  - Nick Jones Realty 433-4445
  - Missouri River Realty 433-3010

- 🏠 The Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture website has a listing of local landlords.
  - <http://www.sidneymt.com/relocate/realestate.asp>

- 🏠 Sidney Job Service also has a list of landlords available in the office.

- 🏠 Campgrounds are available. Many are filling up quickly.
  - Long Forest Camper Park 701-744-5400
  - RV Park beside McDonalds 433-9666
  - Sunrise Campground (Hotel) 482-3826

- 🏠 Hotels are booking very quickly. We recommend that you make reservations in advance of travel.
  - Sunrise Motel 482-3826
  - Richland Motor Inn 433-6400
  - Lone Tree Inn 433-4520
  - Park Plaza 433-1520

- 🏠 Homeless Shelter
  - Only houses for 90 days.
    - Does not accept applicants that are homeless due to relocation for work.
  - No short term housing.

- No soup kitchen services.

## **Would it be better to just drive out there and visit employers in person?**

✎ The decision is entirely up to you. It is vital that you plan ahead. Be sure to have a place to stay. If you are staying at a campground be sure you have access to a shower.

## **How can I get applications?**

- ✎ A generic application can be found at the following link.  
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/service/app.asp>
- ✎ Other applications can be sent to you directly by mail or electronically
- ✎ Applications can also be sent to another Job Service close to you.
- ✎ You are also welcome to contact Sidney Job Service with any questions.
  - Phone 406-433-1204 Fax 406-433-7453
  - Email: [SidneyJS@mt.gov](mailto:SidneyJS@mt.gov)

## **The job is located in the Williston Basin. Does that mean I can live anywhere in the area?**

- ✎ The Williston Basin encompasses a much larger area than just the city of Williston. The Williston Basin which also contains the Bakken Formation, covers portions of several states as well as Canada
- Williston Basin
    - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:WillistonBasinLocation.jpg>
  - Bakken Formation
    - <http://bakkenoil.com/faq/>
  - Three Forks Formation
    - <http://bakkenhale.net/threeforkssanish.html>