



Qualified Logging Professional: Guidelines and Training Requirements

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Maritime SFI Implementation Committee: Roles & Responsibilities

The Maritime SFI Implementation Committee (MAR SIC) is responsible for:

Approving Qualified Logging Professional (QLP) training and education requirements for SFI participants within Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and other MAR SIC affiliated provinces and states

The MAR SIC Training Subcommittee is responsible for:

- drafting and updating QLP requirements to reflect changes in SFI Standards; and
- approving QLP training programs, training providers and educational material

Qualified Logging Professional: General Qualifications

To become a MAR SIC approved QLP, an individual must meet the following conditions:

1. Complete MAR SIC approved BMP Training
2. Participate in MAR SIC approved Continuing Education (refer to continuing education guidance document)

The designation of Qualified Logging Professional can be revoked if the individual or company:

1. does not maintain all conditions stated above
2. is operating out of compliance with laws, regulations or guidelines relative to the type and location of their work
3. is found to be operating out of conformance with the principles and requirements of SFI and/or the Maritime SFI Implementation Committee

The decision to revoke or reinstate the status of Qualified Logging Professional must be approved by the Maritime SFI Implementation Committee.

Qualified Logging Professional Training Requirements

The level of training and mechanisms for delivery may vary between provinces, based on differences in legislation and legal compliance. Training programs provided by SFI Participants and SFI Certified Land Holders, that have been reviewed and accepted by third-party SFI certification registrars, are considered approved by MAR SIC.

All QLP training programs must include modules to address training and education requirements of the SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing and Forest Management Standards (which may be covered in a single course or a series of training sessions). These requirements include:

- a) awareness of sustainable forestry principles and the SFI program
- b) best management practices, including streamside management and road construction, maintenance and retirement
- c) reforestation, invasive exotic plants and animals, forest resource conservation, aesthetics, and special sites



- d) awareness of responsibilities under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, the Canadian Species at Risk Act, and other measures to protect wildlife habitat (e.g. Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value)
- e) awareness of rare forested natural communities as identified by provincial or state agencies, or by credible organizations such as NatureServe, The Nature Conservancy, etc.
- f) logging safety
- g) U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (COHS) regulations, wage and hour rules, and other provincial, state and local employment laws
- h) transportation issues
- i) business management
- j) public policy and outreach
- k) awareness of emerging technologies

When changes occur to SFI Standards and/or provincial forestry requirements, the Training Subcommittee will decide:

- Whether the change(s) warrant additional training of QLPs;
- If an information bulletin will be sufficient; and
- The level of training required (i.e. structured classroom time, webinar, “tailgate” meeting, etc.)

Training Records

The Canadian Woodlands Forum (CWF) is the approved registrar of training for MAR SIC. With support from the MAR SIC Training Subcommittee, the CWF will maintain a listing of QLPs and relevant training records; along with a list of MAR SIC Training Subcommittee approved QLP training providers.

MAR SIC participants and affiliates are encouraged to submit training records and other relevant QLP information to the Canadian Woodlands Forum.

Approved SFI training providers and QLPs will be shown on the Maritime SFI website, unless otherwise requested.

It is the responsibility of the Forestry Enterprise (i.e SFI participant) to prove that they have a program to use “Qualified Logging Professionals” when purchasing raw materials or carrying out forestry operations.

It is the responsibility of the “Qualified Logging Professional” to prove his training is adequate and up to date whether by using the CWF registry or by his/her own records.

To be recognized in a province or state other than where a QLP originally received their training and designation, the QLP must:

- Submit proof of qualifications and training records to the MAR SIC Training Subcommittee
- Receive additional region-specific training and/or information bulletins as deemed necessary by the MAR SIC Training Subcommittee.