



## Requirements for “Wood Producer” Continuing Education

The following document outlines Maritime SFI Implementation Committee (MAR SIC) requirements for Wood Producer continuing education. These requirements are applicable for anyone wishing to achieve or maintain “*Qualified Logging Professional*” status in the Maritime Provinces. The requirements are modeled after generally accepted Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) standards for the Maritime Provinces, and they comply with SFI FM Indicator 11.2.2 & FS Indicator 6.2.2

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*The SFI Implementation Committee-approved wood producer training programs shall have a continuing education component with coursework that supports the current training programs, safety and the principles of sustainable forestry*

### Procedure

The MAR SIC Training Subcommittee has been granted authority by MAR SIC to evaluate and determine whether training initiatives and materials adequately meet MAR SIC Continuing Forestry Education standards.

To satisfy MAR SIC requirements, applicants must complete **12 hours of MAR SIC approved CFE activities within a three-year period**. The three-year period for completion of the requirements can begin and end at any time, and participants may complete the program in less time.

Individuals and/or SFI certified companies are required to keep their own training records and supporting documentation, to be submitted annually to the MAR SIC Training Subcommittee.

### CFE Category Descriptions

Category 1: Structured Learning / Coursework (**6 hours minimum**)

Typically, university or technical school courses, but also including study by correspondence, seminars, short courses, and workshops that meet all of the following criteria:

1. Approved by the MAR SIC Training Sub-committee
2. organized program of learning that includes active participation,
3. primarily related to the career and practice of forestry,
4. conducted by MAR SIC Training Sub-committee approved training provider(s),
5. suitable education setting, and
6. applicable to forestry practitioners in general

Other activities not specifically related to forestry can be included, such as safety training, computer science, personnel management, public speaking, and others that benefit an individual in their profession or position.



Category 2: Self-Improvement: (6 hours maximum)

In two areas:

1. Attendance at forestry related conferences and general meetings of forestry related organizations (e.g. Canadian Woodlands Forum - technical sessions of these organizations would qualify in Category 1); and
2. Reading, viewing, or listening to related technical forestry material. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  1. MAR SIC approved BMP supplements and other handouts,
  2. Atlantic Forestry Review
  3. the Forestry Chronicle,
  4. the Canadian Journal of Forest Research, and their American counterparts,
  5. the Journal of Forestry and Forest Science

Many sources of technical and scientific articles pertaining to the practice of forestry can be included such as publications from the CPPA, FERIC, and government agencies such as CFS.