

WCB Regulations – Forestry Operations

Reg. 26.21 Faller qualifications

- (1) An employer must not allow a worker to fall or buck trees until the worker has demonstrated to the employer that the worker is qualified.
- (2) To determine whether a worker is qualified to fall or buck trees, the employer must apply the standards of a training program that is acceptable to the Board.

Reg. 26.22 Faller training

- (1) A worker in a forestry operation must, before commencing work as a faller, receive training for falling that is acceptable to the Board.
- (2) The requirements of subsection (1) are deemed to have been met if
 - (a) the worker has performed falling duties regularly for at least 2 years before April 15, 1998, and
 - (b) the worker's falling activity is evaluated at the worksite and the worker is certified as a competent faller by a qualified supervisor or trainer, and
 - (c) the worker passes a written or oral examination on falling in the presence of a qualified trainer.
- (3) Unless subsection (2) applies, a faller's training must include
 - (a) a period of basic training in falling trees, of a minimum of 30 days working, one on one, with a qualified faller or trainer,
 - (b) a written or oral examination on falling in the presence of a qualified trainer, and
 - (c) after passing the examination, working as a trainee faller under the close supervision of a qualified faller or trainer for a period of 180 days, or for a lesser period if the person supervising is satisfied the worker is competent.
- (4) The person supervising the faller's training must
 - (a) keep weekly records of the trainee's progress, and
 - (b) certify in writing that the trainee is competent.
- (5) The training required under subsections (1) to (3) must be documented in a manner acceptable to the Board, and a copy of the documents must be made available to the worker concerned or an officer, upon request.