



BC Forest Safety

# Professional Industry Driver Program

## Mentor Fact Sheet



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The Professional Industry Driver Training Program was developed through hundreds of hours of work by industry experts (log hauling contractors, wood fibre hauling carriers and other subject matter experts) who identified the skills, knowledge and attributes required of a forest industry professional driver. The program was initiated by the Log Truck Technical Advisory Committee (LTTAC) and endorsed by the Trucking and Harvesting Advisory Group (TAG) as a key initiative to standardize the level of training and assessment for Professional Log Truck Drivers. The Wood Fibre Hauling Safety Group (WFHSG) also recognized the need for standardized training in fibre hauling and the content of the program was expanded to include the wood fibre sector.

## Objectives of the Professional Driver Program

- Develop drivers that are qualified and competent (skills, knowledge and attributes).
- Improve safety in the log hauling and wood fibre hauling sector
- Provide resources to industry contractors, carriers, licensees and training providers for standardized, defensible, industry-recognized training.

## Mentors

Mentors play a key role in the training and ongoing development of new drivers in BC. There is no substitute for the knowledge and skills already learned by experienced drivers and success of the program relies on participation by those experienced in the industry to mentor new drivers.

Mentors should have a minimum 10 years of current experience in BC in the sector they are mentoring and have the following attributes, skills and knowledge:

- Professionalism in all aspects.
- Effective communication skills.
- Ability to recognize, evaluate and control hazards.
- Critical thinking.
- Willingness to work with students over a period of 4-6 weeks to develop professional driver skills.



## Training

Mentors will be required to complete the following:

### Log Truck Drivers:

- Professional Endorsement - meet the outcomes of the Professional Driver Assessment Program. This program uses two assessment tools to assess a driver's competence.
  1. A competency conversation tool which assesses the knowledge required to be a Professional Industry Driver. This will take approximately 2-3 hours. A copy of the questions will be provided to the driver at the time of the assessment.
  2. The practical assessment which assesses the observable skills. Assesses at minimum **one FULL-HAUL cycle**.
- In-person training with a Professional Industry Driver Program administrator designate (location will vary and may be at the mentor workplace).

### Wood Fibre Drivers:

Wood Fibre Hauling Competency Assessment. A current (within the last six months) record of assessment that meets or exceeds the Wood Fibre Hauling Safety Group assessment standard. The Professional Wood Fibre Hauling Driver Program utilizes two assessment tools to assess a driver's competence.

1. A competency conversation tool which assesses the knowledge required to be a Professional Industry Driver. This will take approximately 2-3 hours. A copy of the questions will be provided to the driver at the time of the assessment.
  2. The practical assessment which assesses the observable skills. Assesses at minimum **one FULL-HAUL cycle**.
- In-person training with a Professional Industry Driver Program administrator designate (location will vary and may be at the mentor workplace).

### Associated Industry Drivers:

A current (within the last six months) record of assessment that meets the intent of the Professional Driver Program including the assessment of the Drivers' knowledge and skills.

- In-person training with a Professional Industry Driver Program administrator designate (location will vary and may be at the mentor workplace).

