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Professional Log Truck Driver Program



The future of the industry depends on our ability to attract, train and maintain competent workers.

The Log Truck Technical Advisory Committee, with the administrative support of the BC Forest Safety Council, has developed the Professional Log Truck Operator Competency Program.

The competency program was developed through hundreds of hours of work by industry experts to identify the skills, knowledge and attributes required in the log hauling profession.

The Competency Assessment is completed by Qualified Assessors using a format that is flexible and meets the needs of the candidate.

Program objectives

Objectives:

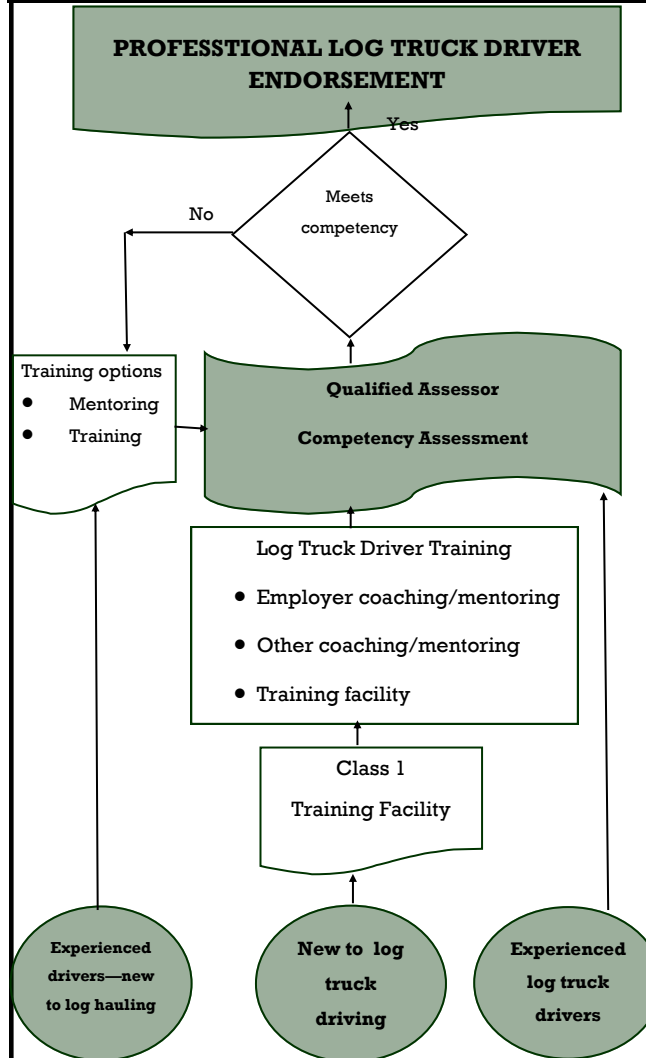
- Improve safety performance within the log hauling sector
- Develop drivers that are qualified (skills, knowledge, attributes) to operate logging truck configurations in a range of circumstances across BC
- Identify and endorse log haulers who currently meet the competencies
- Provide industry with a “verification process” that assures employers, licensees, and the public that endorsed log truck drivers have demonstrated the competencies, and
- Support training with tools and resources to train and evaluate candidates to the identified competencies.

Modules of competency

- Workplace Attributes
- Truck Components, Purpose and Function
- Trucking Systems
- Configurations, Weights and Dimensions
- Regulations and Standards
- Resource Road Driving Techniques
- Operate a log truck
- Load and unload



Pathways to endorsement: experience, coaching, training



Why a Log Truck Competency Program

- Improve business performance and the perception of the forest industry
- Reduce incidents, harm and associated costs
- Create a provincial competency for stakeholders: drivers, licensees, and contractors
- Increase professionalism and accountability
- Attract and retain new and existing drivers
- Address liability through evidence of competence

Training

Industry and training facilities support the need for a Professional Log Truck Driver training program.

Obtaining a Class 1 license does not adequately prepare a driver for operating a log truck on BC's Resource Roads.

Several training facilities have incorporated the competency program into their current curriculum and in partnership with industry and other funding partners offer the competency assessment as part of the training program.

When selecting a training program log truck candidates should consider curriculums that include the balance of theoretical instruction and practical skills offered. 'Behind the wheel' time is a critical component of competency training. Operation of a log truck in the hauling environment is an essential component of training in order for a driver to gain the skills required to gain competency as a log truck driver.