



BCFSC Receives Approval from WorkSafeBC for New BC Faller Training Standard

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The BCFSC completed the final pilot of the 30-day New Faller Training Course on June 4, 2021. At the completion of that course, WorkSafeBC granted BCFSC approval of the competency-based New Faller Training Program moving forward.

How does this impact current trainees?

Trainees who have completed 30 days of one-on-one training in the current program will be required to follow the current process; minimum 20 weekly reports, with the last five meeting the Standard,

recommendation from their Supervisor and a minimum of 75% on the BC Faller Training Standard Field Examination and Evaluation assessment. There are currently 137 trainees who have completed the 30-day one-on-one program but have yet to be certified.

How does this impact future trainees in the New Faller Training Program?

Starting in 2022, those trainees trained in the new program will need to meet the outcomes of that program and be certified

in that system. This will include weekly reports, a recommendation from their Supervisor, a completion of a Summative Competency Conversation and Practical Assessment.

How does this impact current certified Fallers?

There is no impact to current certified Fallers. However, if a Faller is engaged with a new faller trainee who has completed training in the new program, there will be small changes to how the trainee's work experience will be documented.

As part of the new competency-based system, periodic quality assurance visits will be conducted by BCFSC QSTs. These visits will ensure consistency of training in the 180-day period as well as provide support to the new faller trainee and the faller who is supervising them. 🎧

TLA Faller Scholarship

The Truck Loggers Association Forestry Education Fund has created The Truck Loggers Association Faller Scholarship with funds raised from the live and silent auctions held each year at the TLA's annual convention. This is a one (1) x \$1,000 scholarship that is awarded annually to a student that is registered in a BC Faller Program.



TLA Faller Scholarship

The TRUCK LOGGERS ASSOCIATION FALLER SCHOLARSHIP – one (1) x \$1,000 award annually.

Awarded to a student enrolled in a registered BC faller program.

The following documents must be submitted with your application:

1. Complete application form
2. A scanned copy of certificate of completion from training institution confirming you completed the faller training course.
3. A 300-word paragraph on why you want to work in the forest industry as a faller.

Award criteria:

1. Successfully complete faller training course in the same calendar year as your award application.
2. Plan to work as a faller in BC's forest industry.
3. Applicants with a tie to the TLA will be given priority.

Please visit the TLA website at [TLA - scholarships](https://www.tla-forest.com/scholarships) for more information and to download the application. 🎧

Changes coming to Falling Supervisor Course

Members from the Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC) and the BCFSC have been working on updating the Falling Supervisor course, looking at a blended approach. This blended approach, offering on-line and instructor-led components of the course would decrease the cost as well as the length of the in-classroom portion of the course. Work will continue for the remainder of 2021 with the hope of offering the new, updated course in 2022. Stay tuned! 🎧



New Faller Training Pilot – Forbidden Plateau

A pilot of the competency-based New Faller Training course took place May 3 – June 4, 2021 in the Forbidden Plateau region with a timber site supplied by Mosaic. The BCFSC would like to extend our thanks to Ian Emery, Contract Manager with Mosaic, and Colin Sanderson, Operations Manager with Fall River Logging Ltd. The BCFSC worked closely with the Fall River Logging road crew, who helped make the training safe and successful with thanks to their foreman, Steve Cashman and his crew.

Back row, left to right: Trainee Cody Sword, Lead Trainer John Jacobsen, Assistant Trainers Matt James and Wayne Miller.

Front row, left to right: Trainees Eric Klody, Fred Sanford, Assistant Trainer Steve Telosky and Trainee Dave Ewen. 🇨🇦

Falling Safety Advisor Activities

Lead Falling Safety Advisor, Scott Rushton, provided the Falling Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC) with an update on Falling Safety Advisor activities this year. 2021 Falling Safety Advisor Activities (as of July 31, 2021):

- 5 Faller Certifications (2 New Faller Trainee, 3 Challenge)
- 4 Falling Supervisor Certifications
- 103 Faller Visits
- 5 Certified Falling Supervisor Quality Assurance Visits
- 20 Certified Falling Supervisor Visits
- 11 Trainer Quality Assurance Visits 🇨🇦