



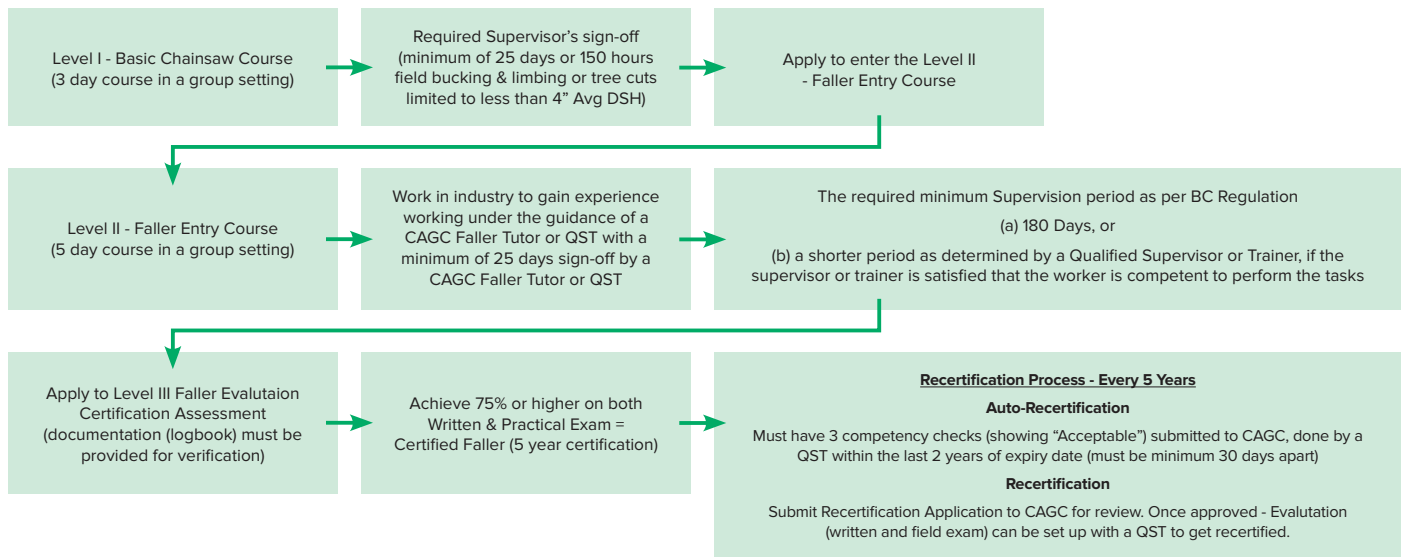
Approved administrators of the BC Faller Training Standard

As Administrators of the BC Faller Training Standard, the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), the Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC) and the BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) have been approved by WorkSafeBC to provide faller training and certification to individuals wanting to become hand fallers. But each organization's faller program differs from the other which is causing some confusion throughout the industry.

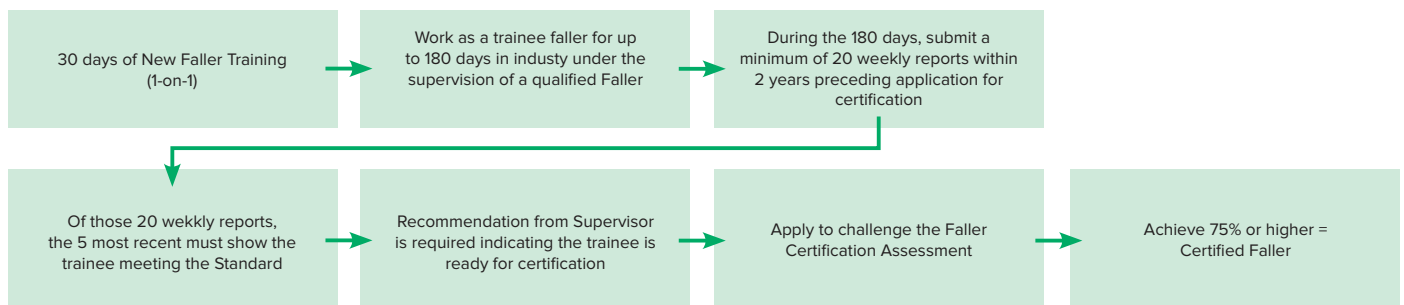
A Certified Faller with certification from any one of the three approved administrators is recognized by WorkSafeBC and permitted to work in British Columbia. However, it is the responsibility of the employer to deem the Certified Faller qualified for the work being performed. As per OHS Regulation Part 1: Definitions - **qualified** means "being knowledgeable of the work, the hazards involved and the means to control the hazards, by reason of education, training, experience or a combination thereof".

To help explain the difference between each approved Administrator's faller program, refer to the flow chart below:

Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors



BC Forest Safety Council

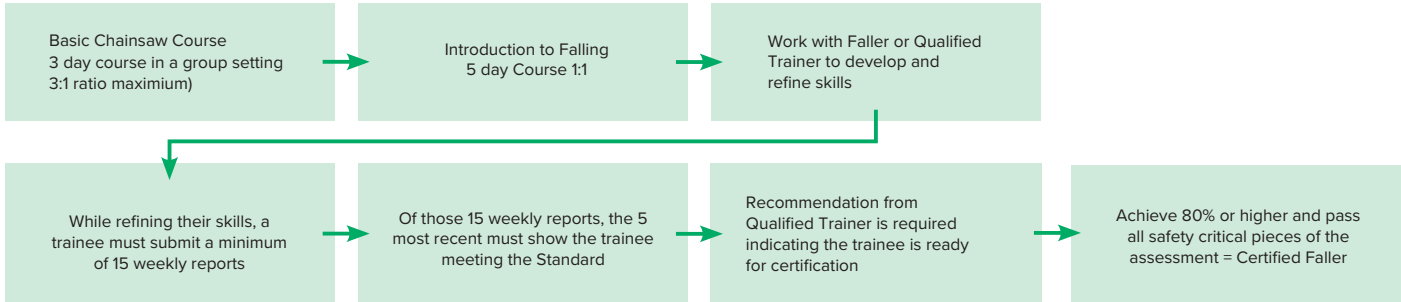


Please note: Once an individual begins training in one stream, they are not permitted to jump to a different stream, mid-training. For example, if an individual completes Level I and II with CAGC, they are not permitted to work under the guidance of a BCWS faller, working towards their certification. Rather, they must work with a CAGC Faller Tutor or QST as per the program requirements.

If you have additional questions regarding the training and certification process, please contact the relevant administrator. 📞

BC Wildfire Service

Note: In order to take training offered by BCWS, the individual taking the training must be an employee of the organization.



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BC Forest Safety

New Faller Training – Nanaimo Lakes

The most recent New Faller Training (NFT) Course took place in Nanaimo Lakes from March 25 – April 26, 2021. Participants and trainers were required to complete COVID-19 self-assessments prior to attending the program and were also required to stay in their cohort until the course completion to ensure everyone stayed safe and healthy.

The BCFSC along with John Jacobsen, Lead Trainer of the NFT Program would like to thank Mosaic Forest Products for their continued support and understanding of the need for training in our industry, allowing our program to take place on their lands. Special thanks go out to Digger Pond and Chris Vukovic from Mosaic and to Don Bahen and Denny Pement from Coastline Fibre Ltd. who supplied the block for training.

There is an increased interest in the NFT program and the need for training sites is growing. The BCFSC relies on industry to supply these sites, ensuring that the NFT program continues and is successful. If there is interest in offering sites for the program, please reach out to Marla Gulbrandsen, BCFSC Manager, Falling Programs.

New Faller Training Site Specs

- Second growth blocks are ideal, usually offered from mechanical falling areas
- Slope up to 60% with portions allowed up to 70%
- Majority of the timber being “round and sound”
- A full course (four trainees) will require +/- 5000 m3 which can include a portion of a block, right of ways and/or multiple blocks
- Prescriptions required for the job will be followed as required, such as felled full length or fully manufactured to specs
- Will also train in old growth and can usually make most sites work

If there are any falling companies that also are interested in taking on successful participants from the NFT course, please reach out to the BCFSC for more information. 📞

Two Faller Fatalities in March 2021

It is with great sadness that the BCFSC Falling Department was notified of two faller deaths in the first two weeks of March.

While the incidents are still under investigation, the preliminary fatality alerts are available on our website.

Fatality Alert - March 1, 2021

A faller was fatally injured at a logging site near Gold River, BC.

Media coverage: [Chek News](#) | [CTV News](#)



Left to right: Assistant Trainer – Wayne Miller, Trainees – Shea Hickmott-Pilatzke, Brodie Corrigan, and Lead Trainer – John Jacobsen

Fatality Alert - March 15, 2021

A faller was fatally injured when he was struck by the top of a Hemlock danger tree at a logging site near Port McNeill, BC.

Media coverage: [Chek News](#) | [CTV News](#) | [Westerly News](#)

The BCFSC extends its sincere condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the deceased and sympathies to all those affected by these falling incidents. In light of these

recent incidents, the BCFSC is gathering information through discussions with WorkSafeBC, fallers and licensees to determine how best to support industry. BCFSC will update information as investigations are completed and information is provided. 📞