

Saw Certification Assessment Levels and Required Re-Assessment Interval March 7, 2017

A Sawyer – Apprentice Sawyer Bucking Only. These sawyers must be supervised by a B or C skill level sawyer (supervising within their individual restrictions) during saw work activity in the least complex situations. Sawyers at this level may perform at the next higher level under the immediate supervision of a sawyer qualified at the higher level. Re-evaluation schedule: yearly.

B Sawyer – Intermediate Sawyer Bucking Only. These sawyers may work independently during saw work activity, and may cut any size material in moderately complex situations. Sawyers at this level may perform at the next higher level under the immediate supervision of a sawyer qualified at the higher level. Re-evaluation schedule: every 2 years.

B Sawyer – Intermediate Sawyer Felling and Bucking. These sawyers may work independently during saw work activity, and may fell and buck cut any size material in moderately complex situations. Sawyers at this level may perform at the next higher level under the immediate supervision of a sawyer qualified at the higher level. Re-evaluation schedule: every 2 years.

C Sawyer – Advanced Sawyer Bucking Only. These sawyers have completed the requirements for A Sawyer and/or B Sawyer, or have demonstrated comparable knowledge and skill. Candidates have a demonstrated ability for advanced saw work, self-limitation, an understanding of policy and the ability to teach saw skills to others. These sawyers have demonstrated good judgment assessing complex situations and safely completing tasks. They may work unsupervised at their comfort level and may buck material of all diameters in highly complex situations. Re-evaluation schedule: every 3 years.

C Sawyer – Advanced Sawyer Felling and Bucking. These sawyers have completed the requirements for A Sawyer and/or B Sawyer, or have demonstrated comparable knowledge and skill. Candidates have a demonstrated ability for advanced saw work, self-limitation, an understanding of policy and the ability to teach saw skills to others. These sawyers have demonstrated good judgment assessing complex situations and safely completing tasks. They may work unsupervised at their comfort level and may fell and buck material of all diameters in highly complex situations. Re-evaluation schedule: every 3 years.

C Sawyer Evaluator – Advanced Sawyer Evaluator. These sawyers have held a C level qualification or have demonstrated their comparable skills and knowledge of policy to a BCHW Lead Sawyer Program Manager. Candidates have a demonstrated ability for advanced saw work, self-limitation, an understanding of policy and the ability to teach saw skills to others. These sawyers have demonstrated good judgment assessing complex

situations and safely completing tasks. They may work unsupervised at their comfort level and buck material of all diameters in highly complex situations. They have been further trained through a formal program to organize and conduct advanced field certification sessions. Re-evaluation schedule: every 3 years.

Complexity. Complexity is determined by evaluating the tree species, tree crown, amount of material, size, bind(s), condition of fiber, lean, topography, stability, proper equipment, personal experience, environmental, and any other factors that will affect the saw operation. Complexity attempts to qualify an otherwise subjective determinant to prescribe a sawyer's capability or skill limitation.