

## **Chainsaw Faller Competency Program**

The oil and gas industry adopted the BC Faller Training Standard as the standard level of training for workers falling trees over six inches in diameter. Energy Safety Canada has developed graduated training that has been endorsed by WorksafeBC for students wishing to become fallers in the oil and gas industry. Progressing through the training with on-the-job work experience required between each level, students are taken through the basic steps of site assessment and safe work procedures for chainsaws, up to falling operations and the assessment of falling hazards.

These courses have been designed so that 75% of the time is spent in the field under supervision applying practical skills acquired during training.

### **Level I - Chainsaw Basics**

This three (3) day course covers instruction in personal and worksite safety, hazard assessment and control, chainsaw inspection, maintenance, handling and operations; and safe limbing and bucking practices.

Pre-requisites: None

Course cost/location/schedule: Determined by Energy Safety Canada Authorized Training Provider (ATP). A list of ATP's can be obtained at [www.energysafetycanada.com](http://www.energysafetycanada.com)

Credentials

- After successful completion of the course you may work as a buckers/slasher (max 6" dbh trees)
- You will receive a Chainsaw Competency Record Logbook and a wallet certificate valid for three (3) years

Certification renewal: Once expired, you must complete the Level 1 course again. Current certificate holders may complete the Level 1 Challenge. Available through Energy Safety Canada ATP's.

Career progression: pre-requisite for the Level II Faller Entry course

### **Level II - Faller Entry**

This five (5) day course will take a candidate to an entry level Faller status.

Pre-requisites

- Level I Chainsaw Basics certification and worked a minimum of 25 days since completing the Level 1 course
- Complete and submit application found at [www.energysafetycanada.com](http://www.energysafetycanada.com)

Course location/schedule: Determined by Energy Safety Canada Authorized Training Provider (ATP). A list of ATP's can be obtained at [www.energysafetycanada.com](http://www.energysafetycanada.com)

Credentials

- After successful completion of the course you can find work as a buckers/slasher (max 6" dbh trees, over 6" under certified Faller Tutor supervision).
- You will receive a Chainsaw Competency Record Logbook and a wallet certificate valid for five (5) years

Certification renewal: Once expired, you must repeat the Level 2 course.

Career progression: pre-requisite for the Level III Faller Evaluation

### **Level III - Faller Certification & Challenge**

For candidates that have completed the Level II Faller Entry Course and wish to become certified as a Faller. This Faller Evaluation consists of a written exam and a practical ten (10) tree evaluation completed through an Energy Safety Canada ATP.

Pre-requisites

- Valid (current, not expired) Level II Faller Entry certification
- Worked a minimum of 25 days as a Faller with a Certified Oil & Gas Faller Tutor or QST
- Chainsaw Competency Record Logbook must accompany application, is complete with all competencies verified and signed off by an Energy Safety Canada Faller Tutor or QST
- Complete and submit application found at [www.energysafetycanada.com](http://www.energysafetycanada.com)

Course location/schedule: TBD by ATP and applicant

**Challenge option:** Workers who have conducted production falling operations for a minimum of 120 days may challenge the Oil and Gas Faller Evaluation. This Faller Challenge consists of a written exam and a practical ten (10) tree evaluation completed by one of Enform's Certified Qualified Supervisor Trainers (QST).

Challenge option Pre-requisites

- Complete and submit application found at [www.energysafetycanada.com](http://www.energysafetycanada.com)
- Provide evidence for two (2) years (120 days) of work experience as a production Faller. Experience cannot be from the province of British Columbia.

Credentials

- After successful completion of the Faller Evaluation you can find work as a Certified Faller
- You will receive an Oil & Gas Faller Logbook and a wallet certificate valid for five (5) years

Course location/schedule: TBD by ATP and applicant

Certification renewal:

When your Oil & Gas Faller Certificate comes up for renewal there are two (2) options to recertify

1) Competency Checks

- Worked a minimum of 80 days in last two (2) years of certification
- Had three (3) Faller Competency Checks (completed by Energy Safety Canada QST's) in the last two years of certification
- Complete and submit application found at [www.energysafetycanada.com](http://www.energysafetycanada.com)
- A new wallet certificate will be issued to Faller for another five (5) years

2) Full Faller Evaluation

- This option is for those that do not complete option 1 before their certification expires
- Complete and submit application found at [www.energysafetycanada.com](http://www.energysafetycanada.com)
- Written exam and ten (10) tree Faller evaluation completed by an Enform ATP

- A new wallet certificate will be issued to successful Faller for another five (5) years

#### **Level IV - Faller Tutor**

This six day training outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Enform Faller Tutors. It provides leadership, mentoring, communication and coaching skills needed to assist Level II Faller Entry candidates prepare for their Level III Faller Evaluation. Faller Tutor students will receive a Self-Study Manual before the start of the course. They will be assisting the instructor (QST) of the Level II Faller Entry course with the running of the course. Faller Tutor students will be required to meet the day before the course to help the QST prepare the cutting site.

Pre-requisites

- Faller must receive over 85% on both written and practical portion of a Level III Faller Evaluation or Faller Challenge

Course location/schedule: This course runs in conjunction with the Level II Faller Entry course. Please contact [chainsaw@energysafetycanada.com](mailto:chainsaw@energysafetycanada.com) for more information.

#### **Seismic Blaster Safety Training**

This one-day course has been developed in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC) and government representatives from western Canada to provide a minimum industry-training standard for blasting in seismic exploration. It is intended for workers engaged in seismic shot-hole drilling and blasting activities.

Topics include principles of seismic exploration, seismic explosives and accessories, storage and transportation, safe work practices, and government regulations.

An industry standard training certificate, valid for five years, is issued upon successful completion of the written examination. Enform also issues an interprovincial Seismic Blaster's permit, valid throughout the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba, to those successfully completing the prescribed interprovincial Seismic Blaster's examination.

A separate application form is to be submitted to Saskatchewan Industry and Resources by the student or employer following successful completion of the Enform training program in order to obtain the Saskatchewan permit. This application must be accompanied by a copy of the Enform training certificate, as well as a copy of the student's current Standard First Aid Certificate.

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## **Seismic Field Operations Supervisor (SFOS) Level I - Supervisor Accountability**

This three-day course has been developed in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC) and regulatory agencies in Western Canada to provide a petroleum industry-training standard for geophysical supervision. The purpose of the course is to provide candidates with the necessary knowledge and skills for field supervision of employees. The course is intended for anyone who will be engaged in field supervision or for individuals who want a better understanding of the challenges faced by supervisors on a day-to-day basis. This course replaces the existing Seismic Field Operations Supervisor course.

This course covers:

- Seismic Operations Overview
- Legislated and Industry Responsibilities
- Health, Safety, and Environmental Management Systems
- Training and Competency
- Hazard Assessment and Control
- Emergency Response Plans
- Incident Reporting and Investigation
- Injury Management
- Supervisor Competency

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