



Questions and Answers on The Faller Certification Program

1. Who must be certified?

Anyone working in British Columbia who falls a tree larger than 6 inches in diameter must be certified. New fallers must successfully complete the WCB-approved BC Faller Training Standard program (or WCB-recognized equivalent). Fallers with at least 2 years experience may challenge the BC Faller Training Standard directly.

2. How does an experienced faller go about challenging the Standard?

Fallers must first register in order to arrange for an evaluation to take place. This can be done by obtaining an application from the BC Faller Certification website at www.bcfallersafe.org; or picking up the form at their local WCB office; or by calling 1-877-324-1212. A time and place for a written/oral examination and practical evaluation will be established.

3. How much does it cost to challenge the Standard?

- Those who register prior to January 1, 2005 will pay \$150.
- Those who register between January 1, 2005 and March 31, 2005 will pay \$250.
- Those who register between March 31, 2005 and July 31, 2005 will pay \$600.
- After July 31, 2005 those wishing to become certified fallers must complete the BC Faller Training Standard course (or equivalent).

4. What happens if an applicant fails to meet the Standard?

There are a range of options depending on the degree of knowledge and ability the applicant displayed. These options range from some remedial training to a requirement to complete the BC Faller Training Standard. Those requiring remedial training may be permitted to continue working as fallers; those requiring more may not.

5. Once a faller is certified, will there be any additional fees or costs?

Fallers are required to renew their certification annually and pass an abbreviated field evaluation within 36 months of their initial certification. The current plan is for a graduated fee structure beginning on the first anniversary of the faller's certification.

Year One	\$ 75
Year Two	\$125
Year Three	\$150

6. How long is the certification valid?

Certification must be renewed on an annual basis. This is an administrative process that will help keep certification records current. Every 24 to 36 months, certified fallers will undergo an abbreviated version of the certification examination in order to ensure that the Standard is being upheld.