

Wildlife Dangerous Tree Assessor Certificate - Participant Selection & Preparedness Checklist

The Wildlife Dangerous Tree Assessor Certificate modules are intended to provide professionals and technicians working in the areas of forestry, resource management, parks management, wildland fire protection, arboriculture, geophysical exploration or a related field with a professional development opportunity. This Certificate Program is not an entry level training opportunity.

Candidates must have the minimum course prerequisites at the time of registration. The Pre-Training Participant Checklist can be used as a tool to guide one's selection of participants for custom course modules and to ensure chosen participants are prepared to attend the course module(s).

It is the responsibility of the company requesting a custom course to ensure participants that are chosen meet the minimum prerequisites prior to sending them to a course module. At each custom course offering, participants are required to self-disclose prerequisites that they meet. This is one's personal declaration that they meet the course prerequisites for the course module they are taking.

A false declaration or misrepresentation is fraudulent. Should one not meet the necessary course prerequisites, they will be denied certification.

Course Prerequisites *(mandatory before registration)*

YES NO

Three or more years of practical field (work) experience in the course field (forestry related work experience provides context knowledge for tree assessing and decision making processes)?

Grade 10 equivalency in reading, writing and arithmetic skills (this course is technical in content, requires note taking and reporting, calculations of %, use of field guides)?

Ability to identify tree species native to BC (ID species based upon bark, stem, branch, needles/leaves, cones; live and dead)?

Proven forestry mensuration skills (e.g., determine diameter, height, horizontal distances, lean, stem cross-section)?

FIRE MODULE additional requirements (at least one of the following)

Recent fireline experience of a minimum of 10 days in past three years (i.e., this is NOT an entry level job opportunity course)?
OR

Experienced in assessing trees in Harvesting/Silviculture or Parks (minimum of five days of documented assessment in previous year)?

SPECIAL NOTE: The duties of a Wildlife Dangerous Tree Assessor requires that the person registering will have the above prerequisites skills. This course is NOT for persons hoping to gain employment so that they can develop these prerequisite skills, knowledge and abilities.

Travel Preparedness

YES NO

Map or address of where to attend the course?

Confirm start time for the course?

Confirm with DriveBC that the highway is open?

COVID-19 Vaccine Passport and government-issued photo ID on hand?

If allergies, anikit or other required medicine is on hand?

Student is prepared for OUTDOOR learning on all dates?

PPE Requirements	YES	NO
Minimum standards - hard hat, ankle support boots?		
Hi-vis clothing/vest?		
Eye protection - face screen or safety glasses?		
Field appropriate ALL WEATHER clothing (layered, raingear)?		
Gloves, COVID-19 suitable face mask, hand-sani wipes on hand?		

Materials/Equipment	YES	NO
MANDATORY EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES		
Bag-lunch, refreshment and snack (especially for OUTDOOR only class)?		
6-ring loose leaf field notebook (found at forestry supply store)?		
Pencil (2), reading glasses (if needed to read fine print)?		
Probing instrument (e.g., knife, screwdriver, hammer, bar wrench)?		

IF OWNED, bring any of the following: (helps with tree assessment)
 Binoculars, diameter tape, clinometer, range finder, clinometer
 Portable chair for OUTDOOR only deliveries

Course Preparations	YES	NO
Pre-Read the key instructional topics in manual (see pre-reading guide)?		
Reviewed the FS502 field card (these are the foundation of the course)?		
Completed the self-screening activity with >75% score? (optional)		
Reviewed the introductory pamphlets - Forest Activities?		

NOTE: Course workbooks can be downloaded from the UNBC website. There is no need to print workbooks as students will receive a hard copy at the course.

The link to the UNBC website is: www2.unbc.ca/continuing-studies/wildlife-dangerous-tree-assessor-certificate-program