

Dear Timber Cruiser...

As chair of the Forest Measurements Board (FMB), I take great pleasure in offering you the opportunity to become an associate member of the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals (ABCFP) under the membership category of Certified Forest Measurement Specialist (CFMS). Currently, there are two CFMS certifications available: Accredited Timber Cruiser (ATC) and Accredited Timber Evaluator (ATE).

By becoming an Accredited Timber Cruiser or Evaluator, you will reap the benefits of joining a group of individuals dedicated to improving the quality and professionalism of timber cruising throughout BC. Some of the immediate benefits of becoming an ATC or ATE include: recognition for having high standards and knowledge, dependability and accountability, a defined career path, and a mechanism to recognize your cruising competencies.

You and your firm will see the long-term benefits reflected in professional development opportunities and the ability to effectively lobby for improvements in the timber cruising sector.

The association is offering certification at a very reasonable cost and once certified you will have access to services and benefits available to all ABCFP members. I encourage you to check out the website at www.abcfp.ca.

If you require more information on the certification process, please call the ABCFP at 604.687.8027.

Yours truly,

Ron Mecredy, RFT, ATE
Chair, Forest Measurements Board

Certification of BC Timber Cruisers

The FOREST MEASUREMENTS BOARD (FMB), in conjunction with the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals (ABC FP) offers certification at two levels for timber cruisers:

Level 3 – Accredited Timber Cruiser

- An operational working level
- Has completed the requirements of Level 1 (Compasser), Level 2 (Cruiser-in-Training) and Level 3 (Cruiser)
- Responsible for recording data that meets or exceeds Ministry of Forests and Range criteria.
- Works with minimal supervision.

Level 4 – Accredited Timber Evaluator

- A senior person working at the supervisory level.
- Has completed the requirements of Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Evaluator)
- Responsible for training and auditing subordinates.

Benefits of Certification

1. Standard level of competencies.
2. Raised standard of competencies.
3. Increased knowledge of cruising.
4. Defined career path.
5. Increased ‘professionalism’ of cruisers.
6. Linkages to a larger pool of knowledge.
7. Effective tracking of cruisers’ competencies.
8. Formalized training, seminars and workshops.
9. Recognized importance of cruising, with regard to valuation and inventory.

The Certification Process

The process is 'apprentice-based' and defined skills and competencies are required at various levels. The Timber Cruiser's Log tracks one's achievement of these skills and competencies and must be endorsed by an ATC or ATE.

Other key features of the certification process include:

- **Open access**
 - All levels are based on achieving defined skills and competencies.
 - No restriction to entry.
- **Endorsement by Peers**
 - All competencies (individual or by level) are certified by your Endorsing Sponsor, with the integrity of the endorsement based on the individual's signature.
- **Exam**
 - An examination is required to demonstrate competency.
- **Status**
 - Certification is granted under the auspices of the *Foresters Act* [SBC 2003] Chapter 19.
- **Maintenance and Renewal**
 - All certification is maintained annually by actively cruising, attending cruising seminars and payment of an annual renewal fee.
- **Minimal Cost**

Evaluation of Applications

All applications will be evaluated by the FMB, certification will be granted at either Level 3 or 4, where the applicant is qualified.

Certification Endorsement

At present there are two potential endorsements for each level of the certification program – Coast and Interior. This separation is not intended to limit areas of employment but recognizes the different skills needed, i.e.:

Insect damage codes/Loss Factors – Interior

Call Grade/Net Factors – Coast

Each applicant may apply for BOTH endorsements where qualified. The Certificate of Certification is the same in both cases and the respective endorsement is carried in the database.

Certification Fee Schedule *

Timber Cruiser's Log and Application Forms	\$75 (plus GST)	**
Timber Cruiser's Log for Students	\$40 (plus GST)	
Application Fee	\$110 (plus GST)	
Annual Membership Fee	\$150 (plus GST)	
Exam Fee	\$50 (plus GST)	
Reclassification Fee	\$80 (plus GST)	

Once Certification is granted, the annual membership fee is pro-rated for first year.

** Fees subject to change without notice.*

*** Fee required for hardcopy of forms*

Applying

Please forward your application to:

Association of BC Forest Professionals

330 - 321 Water Street

Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

Attention: Registration Dept. – Associate Membership

Ph: 604.687.8027

Fax: 604.687.3264

E-mail: admissions@abcfp.ca