



New Hampshire  
Professional Loggers Program

***Personal Log Book***

A Voluntary Certification  
Program for Loggers & Truckers

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## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. To provide standards of training within New Hampshire's timber harvesting and trucking industry.
2. To conduct training programs which benefit loggers by improving work efficiency, safety and environmental awareness.
3. To provide public and professional recognition for loggers completing training programs.
4. To improve awareness and compliance of timber harvesting and wetlands laws and regulations.

## WHO MAY APPLY?

Any person gainfully employed in the harvesting of timber to include manual or mechanical felling, limbing, bucking, skidding, trucking or chipping. This person may be a business owner, contractor or employee of a business involved in timber harvesting. Residents of surrounding states conducting 25% or more of their business in New Hampshire may also qualify.

## WHO BENEFITS?

- Loggers
- Foresters
- Logging families and communities
- Landowners
- New Hampshire forests

# REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

Any qualified individual successfully completing 32 credits of basic course work within two years will be certified for a period of four years.

## COURSE WORK

**All candidates must complete:**

*First Aid & CPR - 8 credits*

*NH Timber Harvesting Law - 8 credits*

**In addition, all Cutters, Equipment Operators and others engaged in logging operations must complete:**

*Safe and Productive Felling Practices - 8 credits*

*Fundamentals of Forestry - 8 credits*

**Mechanized logging operators may substitute:**

for *Mechanized Harvesting - 8 credits*

*Safe and Productive Felling - 8 credits*

**Truckers may substitute:**

for *Safe Trucking - 8 credits*

*Safe and Productive Felling - 8 credits*

## EXCEPTIONS

Similar courses, except NH Timber Harvesting Law, taken through other organizations may apply. Please call the Timber Harvesting Council office at (603) 224-9699 for course review.

## TIMETABLE

Individuals hoping to become certified should complete the required course work within two calendar years. It is possible to repeat courses taken earlier if the two years have gone by.

Requirements for Certification		Name	Course	Credit Hours	Date Completed	Location	Instructor
Cutters & Equipment Operators			First Aid & CPR	8			
			Timber Harvesting Law	8			
			Safety & Productive Felling	8			
			Fundamentals of Forestry	8			
			<b>Certification Credits</b>	<b>32</b>			
Mechanized Loggers			First Aid & CPR	8			
			Timber Harvesting Law	8			
			Fundamentals of Forestry	8			
			Mechanized Logging	8			
			<b>Certification Credits</b>	<b>32</b>			
Truckers			First Aid & CPR	8			
			Timber Harvesting Law	8			
			Safe Trucking	8			
			Fundamentals of Forestry	8			
			<b>Certification Credits</b>	<b>32</b>			

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED CERTIFICATION

To maintain certification, a qualified timber harvester is required to participate in 32 credit hours of related continuing education programs or public service, within four years of initial certification and each four years thereafter. Sixteen of those credits must be in First Aid and CPR. (The National Safety Council requires that First Aid and CPR certificates be updated every two years.) Before credits for recertification can be earned, the logger or trucker must have started course work for certification.

### CATEGORY I.

#### Formal Education / Self-Improvement

Credits are awarded for multiple classes toward a degree or certificate. One credit is earned for one hour of instruction, with a maximum of 8 in this category. Examples include:

- High School G. E. D.
- Business courses
- College courses
- EMT courses
- Certified Welders Program
- Computer courses

If you have taken a course or workshop proof of attendance is required.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED CERTIFICATION

### CATEGORY II.

#### Logging / Forestry Seminars and Meetings

Any logging or industry related classes or seminars offered by NHTHC, UNH Cooperative Extension, Forest Resources Association, Northeastern Loggers Association, SAF, Vermont and Maine programs, or other state or regional organizations may apply. Credits will be awarded based on the following:

**1 hour of instruction time = 1 credit  
(no limit to credits earned in this category)**

In the past NHTHC in cooperation with UNH Cooperative Extension, have provided eight credit elective courses these are recent examples:

*Basic Welding*  
*Advanced or Specialized Welding*  
*Book Keeping for Loggers*  
*Logger Rescue*  
*Wildlife Management for Loggers*  
*GPS for Loggers*  
*Advanced Falling*  
*Best Management Practices*  
*Evaluating Best Management Practices*  
*Maintenance of Mechanized equipment*

If you have taken a course or workshop proof of attendance is required.

Check the NHTOA web site ([www.nhtoa.org](http://www.nhtoa.org)) for current course opportunities in spring or fall. Call the NHTOA office or talk to a THC representative if you have a course idea.



### CATEGORY III.

#### Community and Professional Service

Credits are awarded for participation and leadership in community and professional organizations (up to 8 credits can be earned in this category).

Examples: (Community Service)

- Selectman  
(8 credits)
- School Board  
(8 credits)
- Conservation Commission  
(8 credits)
- Scout Leader  
(8 credits)
- School Presentations  
(1 hour = 2 credits) Etc.

Examples: (Professional Service)

- NH Timber Harvesting Council committees  
(8 Credits for 3 years)
- Forest Resource Association committees  
(8 credits)
- Northeastern Loggers Association committee  
(8 credits)
- Volunteering to help with special projects  
(Fund-raisers, assisting with PLP classes, etc.,  
1 hour = 1 credit)

See page 8 for verification documentation

Formal Education / Self Improvement Courses Continued Certification Records of	Name	
	Course Name	
	Date Completed	
	Total Hours	
	Location	
	Instructor	

# VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION

Verification of Category III type of service must be in the form of a written statement describing the level of involvement and it must be signed by the chairperson of the board or group with whom you serve. If you are the chair, have someone who serves with you sign a statement.

- If you have written letters to the editor of a newspaper, magazine, other publication, or if you have written your legislators, submit copies to the THC office. One credit per article or letter with a maximum of eight credits.
- If you produce a newsletter, send a copy of it and indicate what the distribution is.
- If you have presented testimony at a legislative hearing, this is worth two credits per hour, with a minimum of two credits.
- If you have taken a course or workshop proof of attendance is required.
- **Regardless of the specific category of your credits, it is up to you to inform the New Hampshire Timber Harvesting Council of what you have accomplished toward recertification. We will not call anyone for verification.**
- The date of recertification will be December 1 of the year that the course work is completed.
- The NH Professional Loggers Program Personal Log Book is a great place for you to record any recertification work and keep copies of certificates. The Recertification Committee will review everything that is submitted. You will be notified of the committee's decisions regarding recertification credits.

If you have any questions about the program, about recertification or would like another copy of this booklet call the NH Timber Harvesting Council at (603) 224-9699.

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