FSC ISO 19011 Auditor Course
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At Soil Association Certification Forestry, we offer a range of forest certification training services. So, whether you are a trainee auditor, a certificate holder, a certification consultant/researcher, or someone working for an organisation with an interest in forest certification (e.g. an NGO), we have an option designed for you.

We are able to tailor our training approach to your specific needs. Our full courses are blended in nature, consisting of both e-learning and in-person training - however, we can provide options that focus on using one learning style or the other based on what might work best for your situation, for example:

Using our online learning management system, we can effectively give refresher training to large numbers simultaneously. Alternatively, we can provide in-person training for groups of 5 to 20, lasting between 1 and 10 days, depending on your requirements.

Our FSC training programme has been assessed and approved by ASI and we are one of a small number of approved training providers able to provide these courses worldwide. Those who successfully complete the full FSC Forest Management, Chain of Custody and Auditing to ISO 19011 courses will receive a valid training certificate as part of a crucial step towards becoming a qualified FSC auditor. These courses could also be of interest to certificate holders and other providers of certification services.

Our full range of FSC and PEFC courses are a systematic way to learn everything that an auditor or certificate holder will be required to know.

Auditing to ISO 19011 Training
FSC require all auditor candidates, who are not in possession of a formal ISO 9001, ISO 14001 or OHSAS 18001 certificate to complete training on ISO 19011:

• The course is provided as blended training with e-learning content and ‘audit real’ in-person training covering the following:
  • Principles of auditing
  • Auditor behaviour and performance
  • Managing an audit programme
  • Audit programme objectives and extent
  • Audit programme implementation
  • Audit programme records
  • Audit programme monitoring and reviewing
  • Audit activities: initiating the audit; conducting document review; preparing for the on-site audit activities; conducting on-site audit activities; preparing, approving and distributing the audit report; completing the audit; and conducting audit follow-up
  • Audit interviewing skills
  • Practical audit examples from the FSC context

The e-learning takes 4-8 hours and the in-person training, including final assessment, is scheduled over 1 day.

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Please note all of our training is fully compliant with our independence as FSC and PEFC service providers. This means that, whilst our courses are based on our longstanding expertise as a certification body by way of training techniques, all our training is general in nature and based on standards and information that is available in the public domain. We do not, and cannot, provide company specific solutions or advise on specific certification requirements for your organisation.

If you’d like to learn more about our courses or for all training course registrations, questions, and applications for discounts, please contact our Course Director, Clive Thomas: forestrytraining@soilassociation.org

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