

FORESTRY



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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 cost 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 course will receive a valid training certificate as part of a crucial step towards becoming a qualified FSC auditor. These courses will 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.

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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Chain of Custody Training

FSC require all auditor candidates intending to qualify as auditors against FSC's Chain of Custody scope to complete formal FSC Generic training and Chain of Custody Training.

The course is provided as blended training with e-learning content and 'audit real' in-person training covering the following:

Generic FSC

- The history and objectives of FSC
- Structures and relationships within the FSC system relating to its main stakeholders (members, ASI, FSC, regional and national offices, certificate holders, license holders, and certification bodies)
- FSC and other forestry certification schemes (Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Canadian Standards Association, Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification etc.)
- Roles and responsibilities in certification according to FSC's normative documents
- Potential effects and impacts of certification
- Overview of FSC's normative system and its structure
- The FSC dispute resolution management system
- FSC and timber legality legislation
- Conflict of interest definitions and requirements

Chain of Custody

- Overview of general requirements for COC application (COC management system, scope, concept of product groups, material sourcing/ handling/ accounting, systems for controlling FSC claims etc)
- Group and multi-site certification
- Controlled wood in the context of COC
- Sourcing of reclaimed material
- Project certification
- The COC evaluation process: certification process and certification decision making
- COC certification report writing

The e-learning for Generic FSC, FSC COC and PEFC COC takes 18-24 hours and the in-person training, including final assessment, is scheduled over 3 days when taken in conjunction with PEFC Chain of Custody Module.

FSC component accredited to FSC-PRO-20-004

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.