



Safetree contractor certification scheme

The Safetree Contractor Certification Scheme will be launched in the second half of 2017. The scheme will provide forestry with an industry harmonised assessment of **contractor's suitability to work** designed for forestry, by forestry.

Register your interest in becoming certified

To register your interest in joining the scheme when it is launched, email info@safetree.nz.

Why get certified?

For contractors, certification demonstrates your professionalism to clients. It provides a benchmark your H&S systems can be designed to, and means everyone is held to the same standards.

For forest owners and managers, using certified contractors provides an assurance that the companies you're hiring are competent to do the job. For workers, the scheme will lead to improved health and safety and employment conditions.

It was designed in consultation with the regulator and with extensive input from the industry.

What's involved in becoming certified?

To become certified, contractors need to complete a web-based assessment and a field audit. The criteria in the assessment and field audit are based on industry good practice.

Contractors get support to do the web assessment, to help them identify gaps and priorities for action so they can meet the benchmark for good compliance.

The field audit is done by an accredited Safetree Auditor of the contractor's choice. It focuses on observations of the work environment and questioning of workers in the field. The Auditor will identify any improvements that should be made at the time of the audit.

Certified contractors will be added to a register on the www.safetree.nz website, which can be searched by forest owners and managers.

How are contractors assessed?

The online assessment covers:	The field audit covers:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Insurance certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Risk awareness and management
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Incident statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Employment advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leadership and engagement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Employment conditions

What is the investment?

You will need to pay an annual subscription fee of \$800 (ex GST) for the cost of the web assessment.

The field audit cost is variable depending on the Auditor you select and their travel expenses but is likely to be about \$1000. The audit is required every two years.