



# Safetree Contractor Certification

Safetree Contractor Certification provides forestry with an industry standardised assessment of a contractor's suitability to work. This scheme was designed for forestry, by forestry, and with input from the regulator, WorkSafe.

## Why get certified?

For contractors, certification demonstrates your professionalism to clients. It provides a benchmark that your health and safety 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 hire are competent to do the job.

For workers, the scheme will lead to improved health and safety and employment conditions.

The scheme was designed in consultation with the regulator, WorkSafe, and with extensive input from the industry.

## What's involved in becoming certified?

To become certified, contractors need to complete an online 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 online assessment from a company called BraveGen, which runs the online assessment process.

The field audit is done by an accredited Safetree Auditor of the contractor's choice. The field audit 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.

There are resources available on the Safetree website to help you prepare for certification. Visit <https://safetree.nz/certification/>

Certified contractors are added to a searchable register at <https://safetree.nz/contractor-register/>



## How are contractors assessed?

The online assessment covers:

- Insurance certificates
- Incident statistics
- Employment advice.

The field audit covers:

- Risk management
- Competencies
- Leadership and engagement
- Employment conditions
- Critical risks
- Health risks
- Forest practices.

## What is the investment?

You will need to pay an annual subscription fee of \$695 (ex GST) for the online assessment and maintenance of the scheme.

The cost of the field audit is variable depending on the Auditor you select and their travel expenses. But an indicative cost for a full day is between \$800 and \$1000. The audit is required every two years.

## Who can do the field audit?

Field audits must be conducted by a Safetree Approved Field Auditor. A register of approved field auditors is maintained on the BraveGen website. Field auditors on this register have been approved by the Forest Industry Safety Council Certification Panel as having met the following criteria:

- NZQA National Certificate in safety or equivalent
- Relevant forestry experience
- Auditing experience
- Attended a Safetree Field Auditor workshop
- Signed a Code of Conduct.

Field auditors are required to act professionally, confidentially, and without bias. They are not allowed to use the audit to “sell” products or services and must declare conflicts of interest.

## More information

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