**INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL CHAINSAW OPERATION (Common Core)**

(Adapted from the [Workplace Safety North Website](https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/training/course/introduction-professional-chainsaw-operation-common-core))

**Duration***:* 1.5 Days

**Price:** $290.00

**Language:** English

**Sector:** [Forestry](https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/industries/forestry)

**Prerequisites*:*** None

**Intended Audience:** Chainsaw operators employed in logging operations as defined by Regulations for Industrial Establishments or workers who wish to qualify for employment in these areas.

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The Introduction to Professional Chainsaw Operation: Common Core was developed and is under the auspices of Workplace Safety North and sanctioned by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) as the approved program for pre-employment classroom training for chainsaw operators. This requirement for logging operations is noted by Reg. 851 of R.R.O. 1990 (Industrial Establishments), Sect. (104)(105)(106).

The course content will provide the participant with the basic knowledge and skills for safe chainsaw operation in a professional logging environment. Participants will also learn how to identify and deal appropriately with a variety of hazardous sawing conditions they will encounter in their work.

Note: The basic knowledge and skill provided by this training should be supplemented by on-the-job supervision, practice and experience before evaluation for certification under the MTCU modular training guidelines up to one year after the common core is completed.

**The three course modules consist of:**

1. **Chainsaw Sharpening and Maintenance**
2. **Safe Chainsaw Handling**
3. **Felling and Limbing**

**Equipment Required by Participants**

1. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Participants must bring the following PPE that is maintained and in good working order as per the manufacturer specifications and regulatory requirements:

* Forestry headset (CSA-approved hardhat, ear plugs and/or ear plugs, and face screen)
* CSA-approved safety glasses (with side shields)
* Chainsaw gloves/mitts
* Chainsaw pants/chaps
* CSA-approved footwear with chainsaw cut protection
* Reflective vest (or similar high-visibility garb)

1. **Chainsaw\*** 
   * + - Size and type of saw must be appropriate for work normally performed
       - Properly sharpened, maintained and ready to work in full compliance with requirements of applicable legislation and owner’s manual
       - *\** ***please ensure chainsaw is purged of fuel.***
2. **Sharpening and Maintenance Tools**
   * + - Combination tool
       - Correct size round file with handle
       - Filing guide
       - Depth gauge tool
       - Flat file with handle
       - Small screwdriver (to fit carburetor adjustment screws)
       - Chainsaw grease gun and rag
       - Spark plug gap tool, wire brush and emery paper
       - Chainsaw owner’s manual
       - Felling aids (wedges, axe/hatchet (with sheath), felling bar)
3. **Other**
   * + - First-Aid Kit