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Appendix 2

ECC Assessor Approval Guidance Notes

**European Forestry and
Environmental Skills Council**

ECC Assessors need the relevant industrial experience / occupational competence (proof of chainsaw skills) either using and/or instructing the skills as a practitioner, relevant to the qualification.

You will also be required to hold the ECC qualification as a candidate and comply with additional requirements found in the Assessor Code of Practice.

You should then apply to your National Agency to become an approved ECC Assessor. It is also recommended, once contact is made, to go along to your National Agency and arrange to observe a couple of assessments taking place before you make the decision about becoming an Assessor.

Evidence of Technical Ability/Industrial Credibility:

Your technical ability in the qualification will need to be confirmed through an evaluation before you can proceed.

This will assess the breadth and depth of your understanding and ability in your chosen qualification and is carried by a Verifier appointed by the National Agency.

Evidence of Assessor/Examiner Qualification:

Your ability will also need to have been evaluated in assessment methodology, and have proof that this has been successfully achieved. This will normally be confirmed through a pilot assessment (1st Verification) by the Lead Verifier of the National Agency.

If this 'screening process' is completed successfully then you are able to go onto the next step:

Once you are approved as an ECC Assessor, you will be sent a confirmation letter, certificate, which will last for 3 years from the date of approval. The National Agency will also register you with EFESC.

To remain 'active' as an ECC Assessor you must continue to be Verified at least every 3 years a Verifier appointed by the National Agency.

There will be also the need to attend at least 1 update / standard-setting event organised updates by the National Agency (or Assessment centre), within the 3 year period.

You will also keep yourself technically updated ('Continuous Professional Development' - CPD) in your area of expertise.

You must hold a minimum of at least one ECC level above the qualification(s) you will assess (except holders of ECC 3 or ECC4 if they are not progressing to a higher level).

Summary:

1. Provide proof of relevant practical experience as a skilled chainsaw operator (or instructor).
2. Hold a minimum of at least one ECC level above the qualification(s) to be assessed.
3. Hold valid First Aid Certification relevant to forestry / tree work.
4. Submit all required paperwork to the National Agency with a completed application form to become an assessor.
5. Successfully undertake a Technical Evaluation of wider practical skills/ability by a Verifier.
6. Successfully undertake an Assessor Training course or have proof of assessor experience / evaluation / certification.
7. Complete an assessment of an ECC candidate whilst being observed & mentored by the Verifier

After which you will be registered with National agency and EFESC.