

Forests for Tomorrow

SAFE Certification Requirements

1. Prior to commencement of the Work or Services under the Recipient Agreement, the Recipient must ensure that all of the Recipient's Subcontractors are:
 - (i) Certified in the BC Forest Safety Council SAFE Company Program; or
 - (ii) Certified under another safety scheme recognized by BC Forest Safety Council or BC Timber Sales; and that certification or endorsement is maintained in good standing while working or providing direction on the Place of Work or Work Area.
2. The Recipient may apply in writing to the Province for exemption of the requirement for certification in the SAFE Companies Program of its Subcontractors under the following situations:
 - (i) Where the Work or Services is not normally performed by persons working in the forest industry;
 - (ii) Where, by requiring SAFE Company Certification, the Recipient would put an undue hardship on its Subcontractors performing the Work or might prevent required Work from being done under the Recipient Agreement.
3. The Province must provide exemption approval in writing. Where approval or conditional approval is given, the Recipient must ensure its Subcontractors comply with the terms and conditions of the approval.
4. The Recipient's and its Subcontractor's good standing in the SAFE Company Program or other recognized program will be a factor of consideration for contract extensions or renewals under the Recipient Agreement.
5. Should the Recipient or its Subcontractors no longer be in good standing in the SAFE Company Program or other recognized program at any time during the Term of the Recipient Agreement, the Recipient shall immediately advise the Province and shall submit to the Province, within five (5) days, evidence satisfactory to the Province that the Recipient or its Subcontractors are actively engaged with the BC Forest Safety Council or other applicable organization in obtaining re-certification.

The Recipient or its Subcontractors must achieve re-certification within a reasonable period of time, and the reasonable period of time will be determined by the Province in its sole opinion.

When re-certification is obtained, the Recipient shall promptly submit proof of re-certification to the Province.