



About Safetree Contractor Certification

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.

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. 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. Certified Contractors are added to the Certified Contractor Register on the Safetree website.

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?



Certification costs \$400+GST a year. The cost of the field audit depends on the auditor. But an indicative cost for a full day is between \$1,400 and \$2,000. The audit is required every two years.