

BENCHPERSON (ENDORSEMENT ON A SAWFILER COFQ)

Occupation Description

“Benchperson” means a person who is a qualified Saw Filer who is able to bench band saws, including the lining up of head rigs, grinding of band wheels and any other work usually performed by a Benchperson in the Lumber Manufacturing Industry.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program refer to the Program Outline, available on the SkilledTradesBC website.

Benchperson is an endorsement on the Saw Filer CofQ. For more information about Saw Filer, please refer to the trade page, available on the SkilledTradesBC website.

Pathways to Certification

In BC, an individual who is already a certified Saw Filer can obtain a Benchperson Endorsement by completing the Benchperson program or by challenging the certification. Apprenticeship programs are for individuals who have an employer to sponsor them and challenge programs are for individuals who have extensive experience working in the occupation and wish to challenge the certification.

Prerequisite Credential

The following credential is **required** prior to enrolment in the technical training for this occupation. It will be verified by the training provider upon enrolment.

- Saw Filer Certificate of Qualification
OR
- LMI Circular Sawfiler Certificate of Qualification

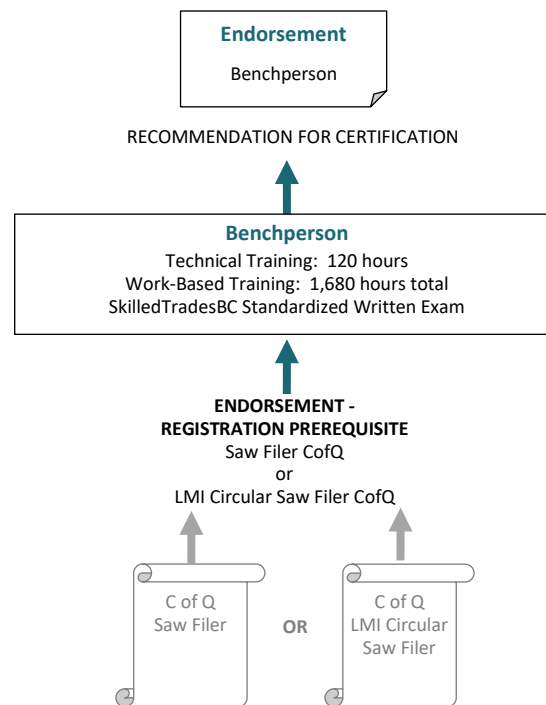
SkilledTradesBC Registration

Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with SkilledTradesBC along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the SkilledTradesBC website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the SkilledTradesBC website.

Those who wish to challenge the Benchperson Endorsement must complete the Benchperson Endorsement Challenge Application and submit it to SkilledTradesBC. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the Challenge pathway.

Benchperson Post Certification Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Benchperson post certification endorsement.



CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program

None

Benchperson Endorsement Program Standards

Credentials Awarded

- A Benchperson Endorsement will be awarded and included on the individual's original Saw Filer Certificate of Qualification

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Registration Pre-requisites

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice
- Certificate of Qualification in a qualifying trade:
 - Saw Filer
 - Or
 - LMI Circular Sawfiler

Completion Requirements

Certification as a Benchperson is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement

Level of Achievement Required

Technical Training

Minimum 70% in technical training:

- 120 hours

SkilledTradesBC Standardized Written Exam

- Minimum 70%

Work-Based Training

- 1,680 hours

Recommendation for Certification

- Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority

Program Duration

Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes one year to complete.

The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by a SkilledTradesBC-approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models (e.g., distance education, online, part-time) and/or level challenge where these options are available.

Sign-off Authority

Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:

- LMI Benchperson – Certificate of Qualification
- Saw Filer– Certificate of Qualification with Benchperson Endorsement
- SkilledTradesBC-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation

Challenging a Level

The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:

- None

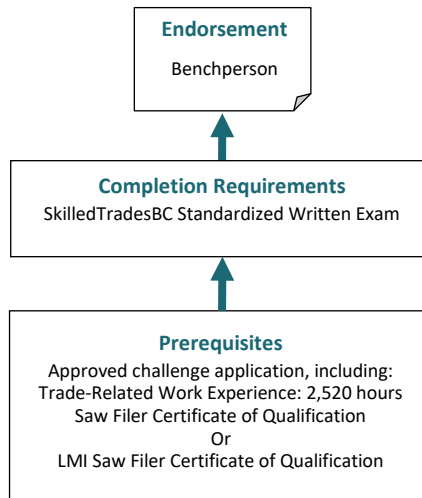
Cross-Program Credits

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program

- None

Benchperson Endorsement Post Certification Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Benchperson Endorsement challenge pathway.



CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Individuals who hold the credential(s) listed below are considered to have met, or partially met, the prerequisites for challenging this program

None

Challenge Program Standards – Benchperson Endorsement

Credentials Awarded

- A Benchperson Endorsement will be awarded and included on the individual's original Saw Filer Certificate of Qualification

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Registration Prerequisites

An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- 2,520 documented hours of directly related experience working as a Benchperson
- Saw Filer – Certificate of Qualification
- Or
- LMI Circular Sawfiler – Certificate of Qualification

Credit for Prior Learning

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met or partially met the prerequisites for challenging this program:

- None

Completion Requirements

A Benchperson Endorsement will be awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement

Level of Achievement Required

SkilledTradesBC Standardized Written Exam

- Minimum 70%

Supporting Documents

Saw Filer Program Outline (2013) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the SkilledTradesBC website.

Contacts

SkilledTradesBC manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact SkilledTradesBC Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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