

# FORESTRY



**FSC Chain of Custody Course**  
(FSC-PRO-20-004)



## FSC® Chain of Custody

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At Soil Association Certification Forestry, we offer a range of forest certification training services.

Whether you are a trainee auditor, a certificate holder (or working towards becoming one), a certification consultant, or someone working for an organisation with an interest in Chain of Custody certification, we have an option for you.

Our courses are blended, consisting of both self-led eLearning and Instructor-led training (ILT), usually face to face.

Our training is in small groups; no more than 10 trainees to one trainer.

All our trainers are qualified COC Auditors with extensive experience in industry and from working for a Certification Body.

Our FSC training programme has been assessed and approved by ASI and we are one of a small number of approved training providers able to provide these courses worldwide.

Those who successfully complete the full FSC Chain of Custody course will receive a valid training certificate as part of a crucial step towards becoming a qualified FSC COC auditor.



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## FSC Chain of Custody Training

The course is provided as blended training with e-learning content and 'audit real' in-person training covering the following:

### Generic FSC

- The history and objectives of FSC
- Structures and relationships within the FSC system relating to its main stakeholders (members, ASI, FSC, regional and national offices, certificate holders, license holders and certification bodies)
- FSC and other forestry certification schemes
- Roles and responsibilities in certification according to FSC's normative documents
- Potential effects and impacts of certification
- Overview of FSC's normative system and its structure
- The FSC dispute resolution management system
- FSC and timber legality legislation
- Conflict of interest definitions and requirements

### FSC Chain of Custody

- Overview of general requirements for FSC COC application
- Group and multi-site certification
- Controlled wood in the context of Chain of Custody
- Sourcing of reclaimed material
- Project certification
- The FSC COC evaluation process: certification process and certification decision making
- FSC COC certification report writing
- Material Categories
- Claims
- Due Diligence System

The e-learning takes 18-24 hours and the in-person training, including final assessment, is scheduled over 3 days (4 days when taken remotely).

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If you would like to learn more about our courses or for all training course registrations, questions, and applications for discounts, please contact our Forestry Training Team:  
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