

A Sawyer

A Sawyer Certified at the **A level** may operate a saw in the least complex situations and must be under the direct supervision of a B or C Sawyer. This certification applies to either chainsaw or crosscut use and can be for bucking only for those sawyers not needing to fall trees.

Skill Level	Responsibilities and Limitations	Training	Knowledge	Skills
A Sawyer	<p>May saw only in the least complex situations or, for training purposes, at the next higher level and in either case only under the immediate supervision of a B or C Sawyer qualified to supervise the work. Sawing activities restricted to brushing, bucking, and limbing and, if specifically noted on the sawyer's National Sawyer Certification Card, felling the least complex, small-diameter trees.</p> <p>Has successfully completed an nationally recognized saw training courses (NRSTC) that introduces general sawing principles, including brushing, bucking, limbing, and felling; has been trained at the introductory level; and has successfully completed a sawyer training and field proficiency evaluation for that level.</p>	<p>Formal Instruction: at least 4 hours</p> <p>Demonstrated Field Proficiency: at least 8 hours</p> <p>Total Training: 12-36 hours</p> <p>Prerequisites: First Aid and CPR</p>	<p>Acquired through formal instruction utilizing one or more NRSTCs, including introduction and review of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Hazard Analysis (JHA). • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements. • Saw accidents, near misses, and lessons learned from them. • Forest Service saw directives (FSM 2358 and FSH 6709.11, sec. 22.48). • Situation awareness. • Proper selection, maintenance, and care of saws and other cutting equipment. • Operational safety. • Introduction to brushing, bucking, limbing, and felling techniques. • Proper stance and maintenance of a safe work area. 	<p>Developed through hands-on operation of saws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis is placed on situation awareness, correctly selecting and using tools, and saw and axe handling techniques. • Practices and successfully demonstrates brushing, bucking, and limbing logs of various sizes and in minimally complex situations. • Introduced to felling in minimally complex situations. • Demonstrates ability to identify various binds and the proper method and sequence of cuts to safely release them. • Demonstrates ability to assess when a sawing task exceeds the sawyer's capabilities. <p>Field Evaluation: Demonstrated knowledge of brushing, bucking, limbing and if applicable felling techniques in situations of least complexity.</p>

