

FSC™ Forest Management Lead Auditor Course



Assurance and Sustainability Training Academy - A S T R A



Course objectives

1. Understand specific FSC requirements regarding the implementation of all standards, policies, guidelines and advice notes for forest management certification
2. Develop skills relating to certification of forest management to FSC standards, including controlled wood, trademark and other standards relevant to FSC FM certification.

Course type: This is a blended course. Objective 1, above, will be achieved through e-learning, while objective 2 will be achieved through face-to-face training. E-Learning and face-to-face training in English.

Who should participate: Trainee and qualified FSC auditors, industry representatives responsible for FSC chain of custody and consultants.

Course duration: 6 days (48 hours), consisting of an online course (approximately 24 hours, face-to-face course 3 days (24 hours)

Certificate: Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will receive an ASTRAcademy certificate.

Recognition: ASTRAcademy courses offered (previously as AB Training) to SGS and other 22 certification bodies are recognized by ASI as FSC-compliant.



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Part 1: E-learning on ASTRA platform

Trainees will enroll on the e-learning platform via the ASTRAcademy website following the link "enroll in a course", and marking on the registration form the box corresponding to the FM Lead Auditor blended course.

After successful registration, trainees will receive a user name and password, and will login via the ASTRAcademy website following the link "student login". Trainees receive also a link where they can download all background documentation relating to the course. Trainees are expected to study the background documentation before taking the individual course modules.

The online training program consists of various courses, modules and quizzes. The individual modules consist of a presentation with voice recording, covering all FSC FM requirements.

Part 2: Face-to-face (F-2-F) course

The face to face course (24 hours- 3 days) is aimed at developing skills relating to auditing against FSC FM standards, using the knowledge acquired through the online course. The F-2-F course includes:

1. Group discussions about the content of the FSC FM normative framework, as presented in the online course. Clarification of concepts and standard elements (whenever required by the group, at the beginning of each exercise).

1. Group discussions, exercises, case studies, workshops and role plays:

- FSC and the ISO Guide 65
- Systems and performance approach to FM certification.
- Workshop: Benefits of forest certification
- Perspectives on forest certification
- Working towards certification
- Case study: indigenous peoples' rights
- Group exercises: social and environmental impacts
- Training needs relating to forest management and its certification
- High Conservation Value Forests and the role of auditors
- Identifying stakeholders in FM certification
- Stakeholder analysis in FM certification
- Auditing work; relating findings to standard elements
- Selecting sites for the field audit.
- Compiling the audit documentation and the FM certification report
- Raising Corrective Action Requests
- Audit planning; follow up on CARs
- The correct use of the FSC Trademarks, the auditor's role.

3. Course evaluation. The F-2-F course will end with a test. The overall evaluation of each trainee will take into account the following:
 - The result of the online quizzes
 - The result of the F-2-F course
 - Active & meaningful participation during the F-2-F course.