

## BENCHPERSON (ENDORSEMENT ON A SAWFILER COFQ)

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### 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 ITA 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 ITA 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

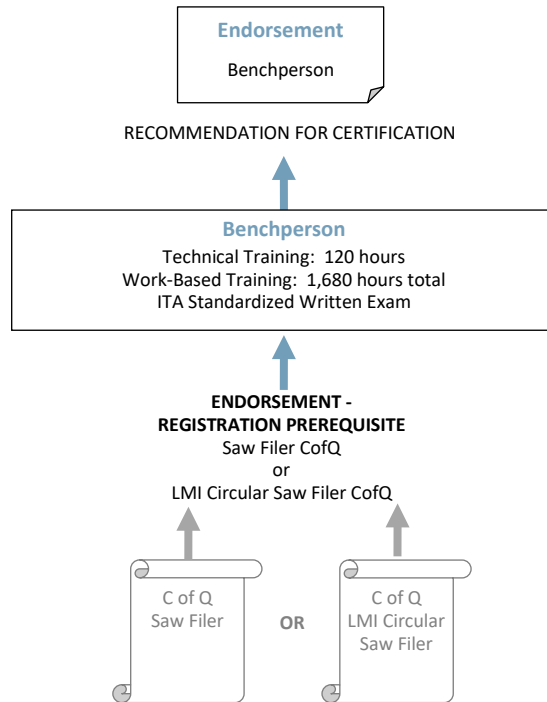
### ITA Registration

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

Those who wish to challenge the Benchperson Endorsement must complete the Benchperson Endorsement Challenge Application and submit it to ITA. 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*

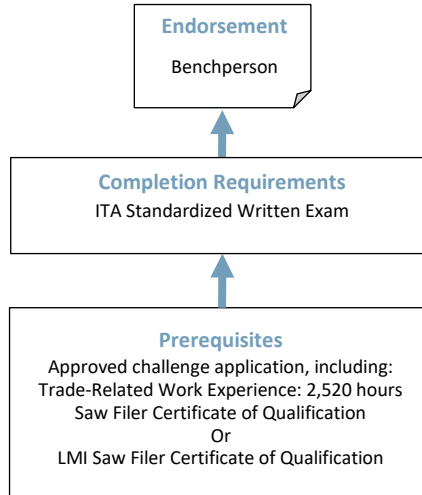
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**Benchperson Endorsement Program Standards**

<p><b>Credentials Awarded</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Benchperson Endorsement will be awarded and included on the individual’s original Saw Filer Certificate of Qualification</li> </ul>										
<p><b>ITA Registration Pre-requisites</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice</li> <li>▪ Certificate of Qualification in a qualifying trade:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Saw Filer</li> <li>Or</li> <li>○ LMI Circular Sawfiler</li> </ul> </li> </ul>										
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<p><b>Program Duration</b></p>	<p>Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes one year to complete.</p> <p>The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by an ITA-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.</p>										
<p><b>Sign-off Authority</b></p>	<p>Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LMI Benchperson – Certificate of Qualification</li> <li>▪ Saw Filer– Certificate of Qualification with Benchperson Endorsement</li> </ul>										
<p><b>Challenging a Level</b></p>	<p>The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>										
<p><b>Cross-Program Credits</b></p>	<p>Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>										

**Benchperson Endorsement Post Certification Challenge Pathway**

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**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

**ITA 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
ITA 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 ITA website.

**Contacts**

The **Industry Training Authority** (ITA) manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact ITA Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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