



NYLT Trained Logger Certification and Recertification Programs CoVid 19 Plan

March 18, 2020

On March 18th the NYLT, Inc. Board has made the following decisions:

- Cancellation of ALL NYLT logger training courses through April 25, 2020
- NYLT will grant a reprieve on certification and recertification through 12/18/2020, to allow participants to utilize training in the Fall Training Session which will begin in September 2020.
- NYLT will allow up to three credits towards recertification to be acquired online towards recertification.

We have also worked with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and third-party certified member companies to ensure that flexibility and discretion will be used in the requirements for harvesting on Certified lands and securing certified timber and fiber through 12/18/20 as well as delivery standards at yards.

Both the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification Systems (PEFC) and Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) have released guidance in consideration of the COVID-19 event to its certificate holders intended to address the impact travel restrictions and health concerns may have on certification requirements and audits. See PEFC guidance document [here](#) and see SFI guidance [here](#).

For those seeking recertification, there are on-line training options if loggers have access to online workshops. Links can be found on the NYLT website. However, sensible discretion and flexibility will be afforded to those seeing recertification as well. All certifications and recertifications will be given extensions THROUGH 12/18/20. In the meantime, we will continuously assess the situation and make changes as necessary.