
To: **ALL CERTIFICATION BODIES**
Date: **APRIL 19, 2023**
Re: **PROJECT EXPERT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Section 2.2.2 of the Reserve's Climate Forward Confirmation Program Manual requires that a Project Expert is an individual who has completed the Confirmation Body's internal training processes and procedures and passed the Reserve's training course(s) on the Climate Forward General Implementation Confirmation training.

For the purpose of confirming voluntary Climate Forward projects, the Reserve will now require that Project Experts take and pass an assessment for both the Climate Forward General Implementation *and* a methodology-specific training.

In order to provide flexibility for verification bodies accredited to perform verifications under the Reserve's offset program, the Reserve will allow Project Experts working under ANAB (ANSI National Accreditation Board) accredited verification bodies to meet the training requirements as follows:

General Implementation Confirmation Training:

- Individuals may use their active general verification certificates under our voluntary offset program to meet the General Implementation Confirmation training requirement provided the individual attends a webinar highlighting the key differences in approaches between Climate Forward and the Reserve's voluntary offset program and passes an assessment.
- For Individuals who have already attended and passed the Climate Forward general confirmation training and have expiring certificates, their active general verification training certificate may serve to renew the general confirmation certificate, without needing to re-take the general confirmation assessment.

Methodology-specific training:

- Individuals with lead verifier accreditation for forest offset projects meet the Climate Forward methodology-specific training requirements for Reforestation, Reduced Emissions from Megafires, and Mature Forest Management by taking the methodology-specific training for these methodologies; no assessment is required.
- Individuals with lead verifier accreditation for livestock offset projects meet the Climate Forward methodology-specific training requirements for Dairy Digester projects; no further assessment is required.
- For methodologies without an equivalent certification under our voluntary offset program, the individual must take a methodology-specific training and pass an assessment to perform confirmations under that methodology type.

This guidance is effective immediately and will be incorporated into the Reserve's Climate Forward Confirmation Manual when it is next updated.

Note: this guidance was originally issued to Reserve verifiers in an email dated April 19, 2023.