

Member access to the shop is attained by passing the woodshop safety test. It is a purely practical test. It requires the candidate to understand the function and safe use of the major shop machines: jointer, planer, table saw, drill press, router, and band saw. In the test you are given a piece of rough lumber and a template and are asked to reproduce the template.

It is a test, not an instructional session.
The fee for the test is \$50 paid in advance.

The test is rigorous. If you have not spent hours using the jointer and planer you are not ready.

Self-assessment questions to determine readiness for the woodshop safety test.

Do you have experience dimensioning rough cut lumber to finished size?

Are you familiar with operating a jointer and thickness planer?

Can you set up a router and profile an edge using the router table?

Are you familiar with using relief cuts on the band saw?

When cutting a dado on the table saw, how many edges of the work piece must be supported during the cut?

Are you familiar with the difference between cross cutting and ripping on the table saw?

Can the fence be used to support the work piece when cross cutting on the table saw?

A successful candidate must be a member of the Franklin Horner Community Centre (\$35/yr) and pay the woodshop user fee (\$200/yr) to have access to the shop. Both fees are calendar year and renew in December.

If this seems discouraging, it is because we don't want to waste your time and money. We also don't want to waste the time of our volunteers who monitor the tests.

The woodshop is currently open Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm. Prior to provincial restrictions, it was open 7 days a week, 9:00am to 6pm Monday and Thursday, 9:00 am to 3 pm Friday and Saturday, 9:00am to 9:00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and 9-12 on Sunday. The shop is equipped with two SawStop table saws, a SawStop dado saw, jointer, planer, band saws, jig saw, router, sanding room, various smaller hand and power tools, and lots of clamps. Some space is provided for works in progress. The shop is run by the members, there is no dedicated supervisor, so it is important for us to know that everyone who is using the shop is competent.

We also offer basic woodworking courses. The 100A and 100B focus on the machinery in the shop and are primarily about safe use. You will not come out of these classes with a coffee table or wine rack. For more information, or to get on the contact list for these courses, please contact us at franklinhorner.inquiries@gmail.com