ISA Certified Arborists

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ISA Certifications

ISA Certified Arborist®
Candidate Application Handbook

Notice: Beginning June 1, 2015 ISA will begin requiring objective verification of candidate eligibility. This means candidates claiming eligibility from work experience or educational background will be asked to provide the following:

- Transcripts for your relative education
- Dated invoices from each year of work experience
- Employer provided information

The candidate will only need to provide documentation for the eligibility experience they are claiming. For example, if exam eligibility is based on 3 years full time work experience then invoices or letters of reference will suffice. Applications that do not include the required documentation will be denied and returned to the candidate.

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- Must apply to take exam
- Eligibility based upon education and experience
- Bound by code of ethics
- Continuing education requirements
Exam tests 10 areas of knowledge:
1) Soil management
2) Tree ID and selection
3) Installation and establishment
4) Safe work practices
5) Tree biology
6) Pruning
7) Diagnosis and treatment
8) Urban forestry
9) Tree protection
10) Tree risk management
International Society of Arboriculture

Other ISA Certifications:

- Certified Arborist Utility Specialist®
- Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist®
- Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®
- Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist®
- Board Certified Master Arborist®