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Benefits and Eligibility

What is Certification?

The Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exam is an internationally recognized hands-on testing program exclusively administered by the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association in New Jersey, in conjunction with the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET). Certification seeks to recognize proficiency in the landscape workforce, upgrade the status of the landscape contractor, and provide the public with a means of identifying qualified landscape professionals.

Why Get Certified?

There are many benefits to becoming a Landscape Industry Certified Technician — it promotes safety and professionalism in the industry; international recognition, and standardization; validates landscape skills; creates opportunities for career advancement; and instills pride in employees and companies. Individuals who pass the exam have the right to use the Landscape Industry Certified logo on all of their printed materials and vehicles and will receive a certificate and wallet card. Employers are encouraged to advertise that they have certified employees on staff. NJLCA, PLANET, and other participating associations promote the use of certified individuals to the public. All Landscape Industry Certified Technicians are required to maintain their certification via Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and service credits. Recertification is handled by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET).

How do I become Certified?

To become a Landscape Industry Certified Technician, an applicant must pass all of the modules in one of four designations: Turf Maintenance, Ornamental Maintenance, Softscape Installation, Hardscape Installation. You may test in more than one designation; however, you may only take one designation per test date. Successful completion of the Maintenance Modules demonstrates that a person has the skills to maintain a landscape project in a proficient manner. Successful completion of the Installation Modules demonstrates that an individual has the skills to take a landscape blueprint and proficiently implement the design in the field. The written portion of the exam is available in English or Spanish and NJLCA provides Spanish translators on-site during test day for the hands-on portion of the exam.

Who is Eligible?

There is no prerequisite for taking the exam; however, in order to receive your certification upon passing, you should have a minimum one year of experience in the green industry.

Please Note: Certification is not a substitute for any of the state-issued pesticide licenses or the Home Improvement Contractors License.



Exam Modules

Softscape Installation:

- 1.01 Common Core (W)
- 5.02 Softscape Plan Reading (W)
- 5.03 Softscape Horticultural Principles (W)
- 5.04 Irrigation Components (W)
- 5.21 Plant ID
- 5.22 Basic Program Controller
- 5.23 Lateral Repair & Head Adjustment
- 5.24 Tree Planting & Staking
- 5.51 Sod Installation
- 5.52 Plant Layout
- 5.53 Rototiller

(W) = Written Module

Hardscape Installation:

- 1.01 Common Core (W)
- 6.05 Hardscape Plan Reading (W)
- 6.06 Hardscape Principles & Calculations (W)
- 6.25 Chainsaw
- 6.61 Grading & Drainage
- 6.62 Instrument
- 6.63 Paver Installation
- 6.64 Skid-Steer Operation

Turf Maintenance:

- 1.01 Common Core (W)
- 8.07 Irrigation Components & Principles (W)
- 8.08 Turfgrass Maintenance Principles (W)
- 8.09 Turfgrass Maintenance Calculations (W)
- 8.22 Basic Program Controller
- 8.23 Lateral Repair & Head Adjustment
- 8.26 Power Blower
- 8.81 21" Mower
- 8.82 Intermediate Walk-Behind Mower
- 8.83 Riding Mower
- 8.84 Edger & Trimmer
- 8.85 Aerator
- 8.86 Turf Fertilizer

Ornamental Maintenance:

- 1.01 Common Core (W)
- 9.07 Irrigation Components & Principles (W)
- 9.12 Ornamental Maintenance Horticultural Principles(W)
- 9.14 Ornamental Maintenance Calculations (W)
- 9.21 Plant ID
- 9.22 Basic Program Controller
- 9.23 Lateral Repair & Head Adjustment
- 9.24 Tree Planting & Staking
- 9.25 Chainsaw
- 9.26 Power Blower
- 9.91 Pruning



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2011 National Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exam
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Written Exams Only on March 2, 2011
 Full & Retake Exams on October 1, 2011
March 2, 2011 at New Jersey Landscape 34th Annual Trade Show & Conference - Meadowlands Expo Center, 355 Plaza Dr., Secaucus, NJ - Check in at 8:00 am, Test begins at 8:30 am sharp
October 1, 2011 at NJLCA Test Site, Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ - Check in at 6:15 am, Test begins at 7:00 am



Registration Form

How long have you been employed in the landscape industry? _____
Will you need an on-site Spanish translator? Yes No
What language would you prefer your Study Guide in? English Spanish
Name _____ Company _____
Company Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
I am a member of NJLCA Other _____ To pay by credit card: MasterCard VISA Amex Discover
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- Registration available online www.njlca.org/cltexam -

Make all checks payable to NJLCA. Payments are due with this application form. No refunds will be given!
(Retakes: Please contact the NJLCA to find out which modules you need and/or fill in module numbers)

NJLCA or Other Landscape Association Member

- Maintenance Exam for Members:
 Turf Maintenance or Ornamental Maintenance.... \$225
Installation Exam for Members:
 Softscape Installation or Hardscape Installation.. \$225
Retakes for Members (1 - 2 modules)..... \$75
Module #(s) : _____
Retakes for Members (3 or more modules)..... \$175
Module #(s) : _____
Manual for Members..... \$70
Refresher Course for Members (Date TBD)..... \$50

Non Association Member

- Maintenance Exam for Non-Members:
 Turf Maintenance or Ornamental Maintenance..... \$275
Installation Exam for Non-Members:
 Softscape Installation or Hardscape Installation..... \$275
Retakes for Non-Members (1 - 2 modules)..... \$100
Module #(s) : _____
Retakes for Non-Members (3 or more modules)..... \$200
Module #(s) : _____
Manual for Non-Members..... \$80
Refresher Course for Non-Members (Date TBD)..... \$75

You will receive a study guide upon receipt of your application; however, the training manuals are strongly suggested!
This form must be signed in ink by the authorized person in the company.

No refunds. Substitution of candidates will be permitted up to two weeks prior to the test date.
A \$25 fee will be assessed for the substitution to cover administrative costs.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Return this completed application form by February 16, 2011 (for March 2nd Exam) or September 15, 2011 (for October 1st Exam) to:
NJLCA, 465 Boulevard, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 or fax to (201) 703=3776

For more information please call (201) 703-3600

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