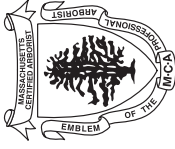


Here is your new RTS form for 2009. Please keep it in your files and use it throughout the year to tally your credits.



MCA RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2009

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2010

The Massachusetts Certified Arborist (MCA) program is a voluntary certification program provided by the Massachusetts Arborists Association, Inc. The MCA program advances the practice of professional arboriculture through the administration of an annual examination and re-certification requirement. A Massachusetts Certified Arborist has demonstrated the knowledge to accurately assess the condition of woody plants, develop management strategies, and implement appropriate procedures.

Requirements

- MCAs are required to obtain five (5) recertification credits within a calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Accumulated credits do **not** carry over from year to year.
- MCAs are required to complete an annual Recertification Tally Sheet (RTS). The RTS for the current year is mailed annually to all MCAs in good standing. The deadline for submission is February 15 of the following year.
- The annual MCA renewal fee is included in the MAA dues payment for members in good standing. Non-members pay an annual administrative fee of \$50.00 to maintain their MCA designation.
- The recertification program operates on the honor system. Proof of attendance is not required at the time the RTS is submitted. The MCA Examining Committee conducts random audits on an annual basis. If you are audited, you will be required to provide proof of attendance or participation for the credit claimed on your RTS. Accurate recordkeeping is the responsibility of the individual MCA.
- There are a variety of ways to obtain recertification credit during the course of a year. Many of the recertification opportunities parallel current certification and/or license

- 2. has been a MAA member in good standing for thirty (30) or more consecutive years.
- Applications are reviewed by the MCA examining committee and MCA Retired Status is granted at the discretion of the committee.
- A MCA Retired Status application can be obtained through the MAA office.

Revocation

If the annual recertification requirement is not met by January 1, and/or the RTS is not submitted by February 15, your MCA designation will be revoked. An individual whose certification is revoked may elect to re-take the MCA examination at the regular fee and may renew their certification status upon successful completion of the examination.

Retired Status

- The annual recertification requirement may be waived for MCAs who submit an application for Retired Status and meet the following criteria:
 - The candidate spends less than 10% of his/her time practicing arboriculture and:
 - 1. has been an active MCA for thirty (30) or more consecutive years, or

2009 MCA Examining Committee

Greg Mosman, MCA, *Chair*

Committee Members

Natascha Batchelor, MCA
Robert Bosley, MCA
Marc K. Hansen, MCA
Brian Kerrigan, MCA
Dennis Panu, MCA
Steve Strom, MCA
Ronald Yaple, MCA

The MCA recertification system is an evolving process and we welcome your input. Please direct any comments or questions to:

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Certification Manager
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csharkey@MassArbor.org

B. EDUCATION continued

ASCA Meeting - date(s) one credit
 Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Seminar - date(s) one credit
 UMass Green School - date(s) two credits
 UMass/Extension Seminar - date(s) 1/2 credit per half-day
 Other, see attached list of approved associations 1/2 credit per half-day
 Please specify sponsor/date(s)/topic/location

C. CERTIFICATION / LICENSES:

ISA Certified Arborist - # two credits
 TGA Certified Arborist - # two credits
 TGA Certified Treecare Safety Professional - # two credits
 ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist - # two credits
 Pesticide Applicators License - State & # one credit per state
 Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional - # 1/2 credit
 Massachusetts Certified Horticulturist - # 1/2 credit
 Other State Arborist Certifications / Licenses 1/2 credit each

D. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Massachusetts Arborists Association one credit
 Tree Care Industry Association 1/2 credit
 International Society of Arboriculture 1/2 credit
 New England Chapter/ISA 1/2 credit
 Mass. Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association 1/2 credit
 American Society of Consulting Arborists 1/2 credit
 Connecticut Tree Protection Association 1/2 credit
 Maine Arborists Association 1/2 credit
 New Hampshire Arborists Association 1/2 credit
 Other, see attached list of approved associations 1/2 credit each
 Please specify

E. INDUSTRY SERVICE

MAA Board of Directors one credit
 MAA Committee one credit
 MCA Examining Committee one credit
 Green Industry Alliance 1/2 credit
 TGA Board of Directors/Committee one credit
 ISA Board of Directors/Committee one credit
 NEC-ISA Board of Directors/Committee 1/2 credit
 ASCA Board of Directors/Committee one credit
 MTW&FA Board of Directors/Committee 1/2 credit
 Speaker/Demonstrator at Arbor Park, New England Grows one credit
 Speaker at industry event - date/topic one credit
 Author published arboriculture article - publication/date one credit
 Volunteer at MAA booth for New England Grows - date(s) one credit
 Other, please attach detailed description 1/2 credit

F. COMMUNITY SERVICE

MAA Arbor Day participant one credit
 Town Tree Warden one credit
 Arboriculture instructor: high school or college one credit
 Organized/supported community tree planting - date 1/2 credit
 Speaker at community event: arboriculture - date/topic 1/2 credit
 Other, please attach detailed description 1/2 credit

TOTAL RECERTIFICATION CREDITS

I attest that the credits reflected here are accurate.

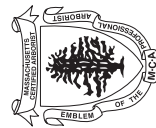
Signature _____ Date _____

MCA RECERTIFICATION

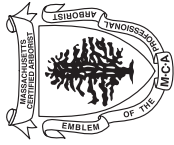
ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED FOR MCA RECERTIFICATION CREDIT

In addition to the organizations and events listed on the MCA Recertification Tally Sheet, arboriculture seminars produced by the following Green Industry associations, organizations or institutions are approved for 1/2 MCA credit for each half-day course or 1 MCA credit for each full-day course. Membership in any of the following is approved for 1/2 MCA credit per year. Proof of attendance and/or membership may be requested at an annual MCA audit.

- ◆ Arboreta (i.e. Arnold Arboretum, Morton Arboretum, Morris Arboretum, etc.)
- ◆ Botanical Societies
- ◆ Horticultural Societies
- ◆ Independent Tree Care Seminars (i.e. Shigo & Assoc., ACRT)
- ◆ Land Grant Universities
- ◆ State or Community Colleges
- ◆ State/Regional/National Arboriculture Trade Associations
- ◆ State/Regional Cooperative Extension Systems
- ◆ State/Regional/National Allied Green Industry Trade Associations



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MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFIED ARBORIST Recertification Tally Sheet

January 1 – December 31, 2009
 Submission Deadline: February 15, 2010

(Note: A \$25 administration fee will be assessed for RTS forms received after March 30)

Name _____ MCA# _____

Company _____

This is my home company address.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Please carefully complete and double check your RTS submission. Approval will be based on meeting the following criteria:

Did you:

- Meet the minimum safety requirement of 1 credit?
- Meet the minimum education requirement of 1 credit?
- Meet the required 5 credit minimum?
- Pay your annual membership dues or include a nonmember administrative fee of \$50.00?
- Sign and date the form?

If you have questions about MAA membership, please contact the MAA office at 508-653-3320 or info@MassArbor.org.

A. SAFETY (at least one credit per year required from this category):

- Electrical Hazard Awareness Program/Certificate – date(s) _____ one credit
- MAA's Safety Saves Seminar – date(s) _____ one credit
- TCA CTSP seminars – date(s) _____ one credit
- GPR or First Aid Certificate _____ one credit
- Defibrillator Certificate _____ one credit
- OSHA Safety Training Courses – date(s) _____ one credit
- TCA Tallgate Safety Training (must be pre-approved) _____ one credit
- In-House Safety Training (must be pre-approved) _____ up to one credit
- Other, see attached list of approved associations _____ one credit

B. EDUCATION (at least one credit per year required from this category):

- MAA Dinner Meetings – date(s) _____ one credit
- MAA Special Seminars – date(s) _____ one credit
- New England Grows – date(s) _____ one credit per day
- TCI Expo – date(s) _____ one credit per day
- TCA Management Clinic – date(s) _____ one credit per day
- ISA Conference – date(s) _____ one credit per day
- NEC-ISA Annual Meeting – date(s) _____ one credit per day
- New England Chapter ISA Seminar - date(s) _____ one credit

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