

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 associations1/2 credit per half-day _____
 Please specify sponsor/date(s)/topic/location _____

C. CERTIFICATION / LICENSES:

ISA Certified Arborist – #two credits _____
 TCIA Certified Arborist – #two credits _____
 TCIA 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 / Licenses1/2 credit each _____

D. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Massachusetts Arborists Associationone credit _____
 Tree Care Industry Association.....1/2 credit _____
 International Society of Arboriculture.....1/2 credit _____
 New England Chapter/ISA1/2 credit _____
 Mass. Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association.....1/2 credit _____
 American Society of Consulting Arborists1/2 credit _____
 Connecticut Tree Protection Association.....1/2 credit _____
 Maine Arborists Association1/2 credit _____
 New Hampshire Arborists Association1/2 credit _____
 Other, see attached list of approved associations1/2 credit each _____
 Please specify _____

E. INDUSTRY SERVICE

MAA Board of Directorsone credit _____
 MAA Committeeone credit _____
 MCA Examining Committeeone credit _____
 Green Industry Alliance1/2 credit _____
 TCIA Board of Directors/Committeeone credit _____
 ISA Board of Directors/Committeeone credit _____
 NEC-ISA Board of Directors/Committee1/2 credit _____
 ASCA Board of Directors/Committeeone credit _____
 MTW&FA Board of Directors/Committee1/2 credit _____
 Speaker/Demonstrator at Arbor Park, New England Grows.....one credit _____
 Speaker at industry event – date/topicone credit _____
 Author published arboriculture article – publication/dateone credit _____
 Volunteer at MAA booth for New England Grows – date(s)one credit _____
 Other, please attach detailed description.....1/2 credit _____

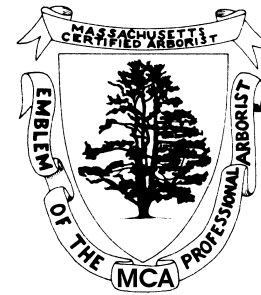
F. COMMUNITY SERVICE

MAA Arbor Day of Service participantone credit _____
 Town Tree Warden.....one credit _____
 Arboriculture instructor: high school or college.....one credit _____
 Organized/supported community tree planting – date1/2 credit _____
 Speaker at community event: arboriculture – date/topic1/2 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 PROGRAM

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2011

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2012

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. *The year you first pass the MCA exam is not a complete calendar year, so it is considered a grace period. This is the only instance where credits obtained in a previous calendar year may be used the following year for recertification.*
- 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 record-keeping 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 requirements. Association membership, arboriculture seminars, and community service are a few of the ways MCAs can obtain credit.
- A complete Recertification Tally Sheet is attached. You will also find a listing of approved associations and organizations whose programs may qualify for recertification credit.

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

- 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.

2011 MCA Examining Committee

Dennis Panu, MCA, *Chair*

Committee Members

- Natascha Batchelor, MCA
- Marc K. Hansen, MCA, *Past Chair*
- Brian Kerrigan, MCA
- David Lefcourt, MCA, MCLP
- Daniel McCarthy, 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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MCA RECERTIFICATION

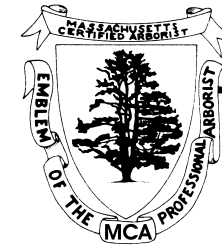
ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED FOR MCA RECERTIFICATION CREDIT

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, 2011

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2012

(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 _____

TCIA CTSP seminars – date(s) _____ one credit _____

CPR or First Aid Certificate.....one credit _____

Defibrillator Certificate _____ one credit _____

OSHA Safety Training Courses – date(s) _____ one credit _____

TCIA Tailgate Safety Training.....one credit _____

In-House Safety Training.....up to one credit _____

Other, see attached list of approved associations.....one credit _____

Please specify sponsor/date(s)/topic/location _____

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 _____

TCIA Management Clinic – date(s) _____ one credit per day _____

ISA Conference – date(s) _____ one credit per day _____

NEC-ISA Annual Meeting – date(s) _____ one credit _____

New England Chapter ISA Seminar - date(s) _____ one credit _____

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