

NEW NAME, SAME TEST

PLANET and its International Certification Council (ICC) have announced that, beginning January 2010, all PLANET-certified individuals will be called Landscape Industry Certified. This means that a Certified Landscape Technician (CLT) will now become a Landscape Industry Certified Technician and a Certified Landscape Professional (CLP) will become a Landscape Industry Certified Manager. The name change to Landscape Industry Certified will consolidate all the designations of green industry certification under one umbrella. Everyone who is PLANET certified will be identified with this universal title. There is no acronym to be used for Landscape Industry Certified. Whenever you are able to spell out the entire accreditation, you are recommended to do so. However, when space is tight, such as on a business card or name badge, certified individuals may continue to use CLP or CLT after their name. Change is hard and we are all going to have to work at using the new name. The hope is that this will pave the way for broader recognition of industry certification, and will help companies and individuals who purchase landscape services to recognize and specify the use of certified individuals. The Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) has adopted the new brand name and logo as well.

WHY BECOME CERTIFIED?

Landscape supervisors, foremen, and field technicians who are Landscape Industry Certified are recognized as qualified professionals. This can mean better wages and enhanced profits as the public becomes more aware of the meaning of doing business with a certified professional. International certification gives companies a way of meeting increased consumer demand for professional landscaping.

TESTING PROCEDURES

The certification test for technicians is a full-day event. There are 5 designations to choose from:

- Softscape Installation
- Hardscape Installation
- Turf Maintenance
- Ornamental Maintenance
- Irrigation

The applicant selects a specialty designation and takes a series of written and hands-on test problems. Each problem has a time limit set for its completion. During the hands-on testing, the candidate is judged on work methods for adherence to best practices and safety ideals. Applicants must pass every problem in a designation to become certified. It is recommended, but not required that candidates have at least one year work experience before taking the test. Candidates may retest the problems needed at any state's test. Additional designations can be taken at future test dates. Observers attend each test to assure the program is administered consistently across North America.

PREPARING FOR THE TEST

Study Manuals are available in three subject areas (Installation, Maintenance, and Irrigation) in both English and Spanish. To order, mark the quantity needed on the attached registration form and include payment, call the MGIA at (248) 646-4992 or email tiffany@landscape.org. The name change did not cause the study guides to change, so if you have purchased one in the last 3 to 5 years, there is no need to do so again.

TEST SITE AND DATES

LANDSCAPE INDUSTRY CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN

Written Exam: September 10, 2011

Field Exam: September 24, 2011

Location: Wayne County Community College
District - Western Campus
9555 Haggerty Road
Belleville, MI 48111

RECERTIFICATION

Your certification is maintained in an international registry by PLANET. To maintain your certification, recertification is required every two years by reporting CEUs directly to PLANET. PLANET will send you more information and the reporting forms.

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

- Promotes professionalism for individuals.
- Validates landscape skills and provides international recognition.
- Your company is registered as an employer of Landscape Industry Certified Technicians.
- Creates opportunities for career advancement in the industry.
- Recognition: Persons passing a Certification Test will receive a certificate, identification card and logo items.



APPLICATION

APPLICANT / PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Company _____ MGIA Member? Yes No
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____

Send all test info to: Work Address Home Address

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please register me for the (*must select one specialty*):

Test Designation	MGIA-Member	Non-Member
Softscape Installation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Hardscape Installation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Turf Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Ornamental Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350

Check here if you would like the test written in Spanish

Check here if you have a disability. Specify: _____

Study Manuals: MGIA Members \$65 Non-Members \$95

Quantity: _____ Maintenance _____ Installation _____ Irrigation

(Manuals by specialty. Core included in each manual. Call for shipping rates.)

YEAR YOU ENTERED THE GREEN INDUSTRY: To become Landscape Industry Certified, PLANET recommends that you have a minimum of 2,000 hours work experience. Please check your work experience: 1 year (2,000 hrs minimum) 2-5 years 5-10 years 10+ years

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check - Enclose check or money order payable to MGIA.

To charge your application fee, please complete the following:

Visa MasterCard Exp. Date ____/____/____ Billing Zip Code _____

Card # _____ 3 Digit Code _____

TOTAL COST \$ _____ Signature _____

SUBMIT TO:
Please make a copy of this form for each individual applicant. Complete form and send along with payment to:
MGIA, 30600 Telegraph, Suite 3360
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
or fax to (248) 646-4994.
Questions? Please call Tiffany at (248) 646-4992.



FIVE DESIGNATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

SOFTSCAPE INSTALLATION

WRITTEN TESTS:

- Common Core (60 min.)
- Softscape Plan Reading (45 min.)
- Softscape Horticultural Principles (30 min.)
- Irrigation Components (15 min.)

HANDS-ON TESTS:

- Plant ID (35 min.)
- Sod Installation (35 min.)
- Basic Program Controller (15 min.)
- Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment (35 min.)
- Tree Planting and Staking (35 min.)
- Plant Layout (35 min.)
- Rototiller Operation (15 min.)

HARDSCAPE INSTALLATION

WRITTEN TESTS:

- Common Core (60 min.)
- Hardscape Plan Reading (45 min.)
- Hardscape Principals and Calculations (45 min.)

HANDS-ON TESTS:

- Chainsaw (15 min.)
- Grading and Drainage (35 min.)
- Instrument (35 min.)
- Paver Installation (80 min.)
- Skid-Steer Operation (35 min.)

TURF MAINTENANCE

WRITTEN TESTS:

- Common Core (60 min.)
- Turfgrass Horticultural Principles (30 min.)
- Turfgrass Calculations (30 min.)
- Irrigation Components and Principles (30 min.)

HANDS-ON TESTS:

- Basic Program Controller (15 min.)
- Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment (35 min.)
- 21" Mower (15 min.)
- Intermediate Walk-Behind Mower (15 min.)
- Riding Mower (15 min.)
- Edger and Trimmer (15 min.)
- Power Blower (15 min.)
- Aerator (15 min.)
- Turf Fertilizer (15 min.)

ORNAMENTAL MAINTENANCE

WRITTEN TESTS:

- Common Core (60 min.)
- Ornamental Maint. Horticultural Principles (30 min.)
- Ornamental Maintenance Calculations (30 min.)
- Irrigation Components and Principles (30 min.)

HANDS-ON TESTS:

- Plant ID (35 min.)
- Basic Program Controller (15 min.)
- Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment (35 min.)
- Tree Planting and Staking (35 min.)
- Chainsaw (15 min.)
- Pruning (35 min.)
- Power Blower (15 min.)

IRRIGATION

WRITTEN TESTS:

- Common Core (60 min.)
- Advanced Irrigation Components and Principles (45 min.)
- Irrigation Plan Reading (30 min.)
- Basic Horticultural Principles (15 min.)

HANDS-ON TESTS:

- Advanced Program Controller (15 min.)
- Lateral Repair and Head Adjustment (35 min.)
- Lateral Installation (35 min.)
- Mainline Installation (35 min.)
- Valve Repair (35 min.)
- Valve Wiring (35 min.)
- Pipe Installation Equipment (35 min.)

For more information about the Landscape Industry Certified Program, contact the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) at (248) 646-4992 or email: tiffany@landscape.org or visit: www.landscape.org



Sponsorship opportunities are available!
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certified
technician

Formerly Known as CLT
New Name, New Logo . . . Same Certification



The Landscape Industry Certified Program is recognized throughout the United States and Canada as the premier hands-on certification designed specifically for the landscape industry. A Landscape Industry Certified Technician

is a landscape professional who has been certified through an international "hands-on" testing program developed by PLANET and licensed to the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) to administer in the state of Michigan. Landscape contractors, supervisors, foremen and field technicians who are Landscape Industry Certified Technicians are recognized internationally as qualified professionals. This program promotes not only professionalism but education, training and a high standard of quality. These are principles the MGIA has always endorsed.



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