

## MCA Study Guide Order Form

The Massachusetts Certified Arborist  
Study Guide CD version 2.0

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## An essential resource & comprehensive guide for Massachusetts tree care professionals

- Prepare for greater job responsibility
- Strengthen competency & knowledge
- Demonstrate commitment to the tree care profession
- Earn professional credentials
- Reflect a greater level of expertise
- Gain professional recognition
- Receive marketing support
- Build confidence

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Adobe Reader 10.1 is recommended

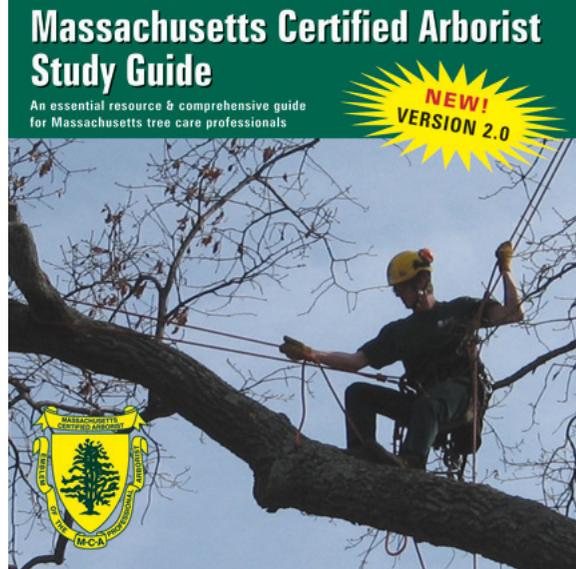
Windows:

Intel Core Solo 2 Duo  
1.86 GHz or equivalent  
Microsoft Windows XP Professional SP3 (free via MSDNAA)  
1 GB RAM  
100 GB internal hard drive

Macintosh:

Intel Core i5 3.60 GHz  
Mac OS 10.6 (Snow Leopard)  
4 GB RAM  
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### FEATURES:

- Enhanced tutorials
- Improved tree identification
- Updated information
- Easy navigation

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# The Massachusetts Certified Arborists (MCA)

The Massachusetts Arborists Association (MAA) is proud to sponsor the Massachusetts Certified Arborists (MCA) program. This voluntary certification program gives certified individuals, as well as the companies that employ them, the opportunity to increase their knowledge and their ability to perform while enhancing the overall image of the tree care profession.

Professional certification is one of the most important steps an individual can take to demonstrate knowledge and commitment to his or her career. Certified individuals stand out as examples of excellence in the green industry.

The Massachusetts Certified Arborists (MCA) program advances the practice of professional arboriculture through the administration of an annual examination and recertification requirement. Today's tree care professional must demonstrate the knowledge to accurately assess the condition of woody plants, develop management strategies, and implement appropriate procedures.

## MCA Program

The purpose of the MCA program is to test the core competencies and knowledge of Massachusetts arborists; to raise the level of public awareness as to the importance of working with trained professionals; and to provide a means of continuing education for the certified professional. The designation of Massachusetts Certified Arborist has become the symbol of professionalism in arboriculture within the state and across the region.

## Certification Candidate Information

The MCA examination is designed to assess the fundamental knowledge and core competencies that all tree care professionals should possess, regardless of their area of practice. The knowledge required to pass the exam is significant. Certification candidates should begin preparing for the exam well in advance. Applications are due two weeks prior to the scheduled examination date.

The written MCA examination is based on information found in this Study Guide as well as practical field experience. It tests on a variety of subjects, including:

- Tree Biology
- Soils / Soil Management
- Tree & Shrub ID
- Safety & Laws
- Pruning
- Cabling & Bracing
- Tree Planting
- Tree Risk Management
- Insects & Diseases
- Tree Decay
- Plant Health Care / IPM
- Construction Damage

The examination consists of two parts. A passing score of 70% must be achieved on both parts to earn the MCA designation. Part I uses visual prompts and candidates are asked to identify approximately 25 trees with both the scientific and common name, as well as a variety of insects and diseases. Part II consists of approximately 130 questions that can take the form of multiple choice or true/false. It typically takes about three (3) hours to complete the MCA examination.

Any individual who does not successfully complete the MCA examination has the opportunity to take the re-examination. The MAA offers a reduced rate if the re-examination is within twelve months of the original examination date.

MCA candidates must provide an original Study Guide CD Identification Number in order to take the MCA examination.

The Study Guide is designed to help certification candidates review the topics covered in the examination. Certification candidates should be aware that the Study Guide does not necessarily represent the full range of examination content. MCA Study Guide updates are posted at [www.MassArbor.org](http://www.MassArbor.org) on a regular basis.

The MAA does not and cannot guarantee improved performance on the certification examination as a result of using the Study Guide

## Exam Fees & Registration

	MAA Member	Non-Member
Study Guide CD-ROM	\$95.00	\$195.00
Original Exam (requires original Study Guide CD ID #)	\$75.00	\$150.00
Re-Examination (required within 12 mo. of original exam)	\$50.00	\$100.00
Annual Renewal (10 CEU credits required per year)	included in dues	\$65.00

*MCA exam application and applicable testing fees are due to the MAA two weeks prior to the scheduled examination date.*

## Recertification/CEU

MCA certification is valid for one calendar year. During that time, MCAs must accumulate ten (10) continuing education credits. Annual MAA dues include recertification; non-members pay an annual administration fee. There are a variety of opportunities to obtain CEU credit, many of which parallel other industry certification and licensing programs. Association involvement, industry seminars, community service, and participation in New England Grows are a few of the ways MCAs may obtain their annual CEU credit. Complete recertification information will be sent upon successful completion of the MCA examination.

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