



NOTICE

The next Rhode Island **Arborist Exam** will be given on

Friday, January 29, 2010

9:00 A.M. Sharp

**George Washington Management Area
2185 Putnam Pike (Route 44)
Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814**

Pre-registration is required for exam along with exam fee of \$25.00 (\$10.00 for re-take within calendar year) as seating is limited. The application and fee must be received by this office no later than **two (2) weeks prior** to exam date. Checks should be made out to General Treasurer, State of RI and sent to the address on the application form. Refunds or credits **are not** provided for “**NO SHOWS**”.

Directions: George Washington Management Area is located on Route 44 in West Glocester. It is 5.5 miles from the stop light (Aegean Pizza) in Chepachet. GWMA is located on the right—watch for signs. **Do not take Campground entrance.** If you come to the intersection of Route 94 (which is on your left) and Route 44, you have gone too far on Route 44.

From Route 295, take Route 44 West and continue on Route 44 until you arrive at GWMA. It will be on your right hand side. Approximately 13 .5 miles.

If you have any questions regarding exam, licensing, or need further directions telephone Brian Satterlee or Cecile Drouin at 401-647-3367 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Rhode Island Arborist License **Exam Specifications**

Examinations will be offered for two categories of licenses as follows: **1. Standard Arborist License** issued to persons who pass an examination which includes all phases of arboriculture and **2. Utility Arborist License** issued to persons who pass an examination *limited to trimming, pruning, climbing, removal and identification of trees, and safety practices relating directly to providing clearance for the safe and reliable operation of utility lines and equipment.*

The examination for the **Standard Arborist License** is a **240 point** test. It is made up of questions from each of the 15 domains of study covered in the ISA Arborists Certification Study Guide. The examination for the **Utility Arborist License** is a **130 point** test made up of questions from the following 7 domains of study covered in the aforementioned study guide: biology; identification; pruning; tree support and protection system, tree assessment and risk management, climbing and safety. In addition, the safety sections of **all** exams include questions from the ANSI A300 and Z133.1 Standards and OSHA Standard 1910.269 paragraph Ar on line clearance and tree trimming operations.

The written exams are augmented by practical sections on tree identification and tying knots. The format for the written portions will be objective in nature, i.e. matching, true or false, multiple choice, and fill in the blank. The practical tree identification section will be multiple choice. Tying knots must be demonstrated and their uses explained.

This examination process is intended to establish a minimum level of competency for arboriculture work. A passing grade is achieved by an overall score of 70%.

Exam Fee: **\$25.00**

Retake Fee: **\$10.00** (within one year of original exam)

For information regarding the date and location of the next exam, please contact the DEM - Division of Forest Environment at 647-3367. Exam application and fee must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the exam date. Exam day instructions and what to bring will be sent to you once application and fee are received. **“NO SHOWS”** are not reimbursed

Recommended Study Materials

ARBORISTS CERTIFICATION STUDY GUIDE, International Society of Arboriculture; P.O. Box GG, Savoy, IL 61874-9902 Telephone 1-217-355-9411, ext. 14 (to place an order) Fax 1-217-355-9516. Available to non-members for about \$100.00 plus shipping. Information available at the ISA website (www.isa-arbor.com) under "publications".

ANSI Standards A300 and Z133.1 American National Standards Institute, available by phone toll free at 1-800-854-7179, by Fax 1-303-397-2740, or by internet at www.ansi.org. Price per publication varies.

OSHA Standard 1910.269 paragraph r Line clearance, tree trimming operations may be accessed through the internet at www.osha.gov or by calling 1-401-528-4669.

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Division of Forest Environment
APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION
ARBORIST LICENSE

Please print clearly.

DATE OF APPLICATION _____ TITLE: *(Circle Please)* Mr. Mrs. Ms.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

City/Town: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different): _____

City/Town: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City/Town: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

The arborist examination is given during the months of January, March, June and October, usually on the last Friday of the month. Because this is subject to change it is recommended that the applicant call DFE Headquarters at 647-3367 to confirm the date and time of the exam if the applicant does not receive formal notification by mail. The exam begins promptly at 9:00 A.M.

Please **circle** which month you wish to take the exam.

January March June September/October

Enclose examination fee of **\$25.00** (*\$10.00* for re-take within same year as original exam) payable to **RI-DEM, Division of Forest Environment** and mail to:

DIVISION OF FOREST ENVIRONMENT
1037 HARTFORD PIKE
NORTH SCITUATE, RI 02857

If this exam is a *re-take*, when did you last take the exam? _____

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EXAM PAID: ___ **CHECK NO.** ___ **DATE:** _____ **EXAM SCORE:** _____

Notification Letter/Exam Score: _____