



# Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course

## ABOUT THE COURSE

The ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) program provides an opportunity for professionals in the arboriculture industry to expand their knowledge through education and training in the fundamentals of tree risk assessment. This qualification promotes the safety of people and property by providing a standardized and systematic process for assessing tree risk. The results of a tree risk assessment can provide tree owners and risk managers with the information to make informed decisions to enhance tree benefits, health, and longevity.

The *Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course* is a two-day educational course followed by a 1/2 day assessment that includes both a written and field component. The course prepares the participant to take the TRAQ assessment to become ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. It is required that you attend the course and successfully complete the assessment in order to receive the *ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification*.

## COURSE CONTENT

*Tree Biology and Mechanics:* Participants will learn how to assess wood structure, decay, and tree mechanics, and evaluate their impact on likelihood of tree or tree part failure. Participants will also learn how to identify and assess defects and conditions that may affect likelihood of failure.

*Tree Inspection and Assessment:* Participants will learn about types of targets, assess the likelihood of a tree or tree part impacting a target, and estimate the consequences of tree or tree part failure. Participants will also learn how to assess site factors

that may influence likelihood of failure.

*Data Analysis and Risk Categorization:* After learning the tree and target factors that must be assessed, participants will combine likelihood of failure, likelihood of impact, and consequences of failure to derive a risk rating. This rating helps the assessor communicate tree risk to clients and risk managers, and allows comparison of risk levels between trees.

*Risk Reporting:* Participants will learn skills for clearly communicating tree risk to clients, both in written and verbal reports. Participants will also learn about the key components that should be included in a report after completing a tree risk assessment.

## TREE RISK ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

The Tree Risk Assessment Qualification is valid for five years from the date the TRAQ exam is passed. The qualification holder is required to retake the course and pass the exam every five years in order to maintain the qualification.

## COURSE ELIGIBILITY

To be able to register for the course and take the exam, you must have earned one of the following credentials:

- ISA Certified Arborist or ISA Board Certified Master Arborist
- ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified
- A degree in arboriculture, urban forestry, traditional forestry, or horticulture that is part of a national qualifications framework or is from an accredited college or university
- A national certification or certificate in arboriculture (see a complete list in the TRAQ handbook)
- ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist
- Licensing or Certification from an approved state/province program (see a complete list in the TRAQ handbook)
- SAF Certified Forester

## WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

**St. Paul, Minnesota**

2 August - 4 August 2017

Hosted by The Minnesota Society of Arboriculture

## REGISTRATION

### Fee\*:

ISA and MSA Member	\$625
Non Member	\$725

*Additional rates available with membership fees applied.*

\*Course registration fee includes workshop, the Tree Risk Assessment manual and TRAQ workbook, along with lunch and breaks during the two-day training.

### Registration Deadline:

30 June 2017

### How to Register:

For registration information contact Danielle Tessmer, [dtessmer@msa-live.org](mailto:dtessmer@msa-live.org) or call +1 952-452-4426

Participants will receive their course materials a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the TRAQ event. The manual and workbook will be sent once you are registered and should be taken with you to the course. Participants are also encouraged to complete preliminary work in the workbook prior to arriving at the course.



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
30 June 2017



## REGISTRATION FORM

This form is to apply to attend a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course and Assessment. If you need to apply for a TRAQ exam retake only, you must contact [qual@isa-arbor.com](mailto:qual@isa-arbor.com) or call +1 217.355.9411.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: (Required for shipping course materials) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Extension: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current ISA Member?  Yes (ISA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_)  No Are you an MSA Member? Yes  No

Do you currently hold an ISA certification credential?  Yes (ISA Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_)  No

Special Dietary Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Accommodations Requests:

If you have an accommodation request, please complete the Special Accommodations Request Form and submit it with your application. You may find the form online at [www.isa-arbor.com/Accommodations](http://www.isa-arbor.com/Accommodations).

### Prerequisites:

To earn the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) you must hold or have previously held one of the approved credentials as a prerequisite to take the course. Please see the list of eligible credentials on Page 2 of this form and indicate which credentials pertain to you. Verification of relevant credentials must be provided with the application.

## REGISTRATION TYPE (Includes TRAQ Manual and Workbook, with lunches and breaks on full days)

- ISA & MSA Member \$625  ISA Member \$665 (includes MSA membership)  MSA Member \$755 (includes ISA membership)  
 Non-member \$795 (includes ISA and MSA membership)  Non-member \$725

Applicants must submit form and registration payment by the registration deadline. **Onsite registration is not available.**

- By applying to participate in a TRAQ event, I authorize the ISA to make my registration and contact information available to the local chapter / associate organization. I agree to the terms, conditions, and policies outlined in the [Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Application Guide \(www.isa-arbor.com/certification/resources/TRAQAppGuide.pdf\)](http://www.isa-arbor.com/certification/resources/TRAQAppGuide.pdf).

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check, payable The Minnesota Society of Arboriculture  
 Credit Card. Please charge my:  Visa  MasterCard  AMEX

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is limited.** Please mail your completed form along with payment by the deadline listed above to: The Minnesota Society of Arboriculture, c/o Tree Trust, 2231 Edgewood Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55426, United States. The Minnesota Society of Arboriculture will retain \$50 for all cancellations before the deadline. **No refunds will be issued after the deadline.** For registration questions, please e-mail [dtessmer@msa-live.org](mailto:dtessmer@msa-live.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Location of event: \_\_\_\_\_



## PREREQUISITES FOR TREE RISK ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATION

To earn a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification you must hold or have held one of the following prerequisites. Please indicate which prerequisite(s) can be used to verify your eligibility. For non-ISA credentials, please submit a copy of a certificate, credential identification card, diploma, or similar documentation. Copies should be emailed to EMAIL ADDRESS.

- ISA Board Certified Master Arborist® (Cert. ID# \_\_\_\_\_)
- ISA Certified Arborist® (Cert. ID# \_\_\_\_\_)
- ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified
- A degree in arboriculture, urban forestry, traditional forestry, or horticulture that is part of a national qualifications framework or is from a college or university that is accredited or recognized under a system that is substantially similar to accreditation.
- AHC30810 Certificate III in Arboriculture (Australia)
- ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist (RCA) status
- Connecticut Arborist License
- European Tree Technician
- European Tree Worker
- Fachagrarwirt Baumpflege
- Louisiana Arborist License
- Manitoba Arborist Training and Licensing Program
- Maryland Tree Expert
- Massachusetts Certified Arborist
- New Hampshire Arborists Association Certified Arborist
- New Jersey Certified Tree Expert
- NZ National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 4)
- Rhode Island Arborist License
- Society of American Foresters Certified Forester
- UK Qualifications and Credit Framework Level 2 certificate or diploma in arboriculture

If you hold a credential or have completed a program of study that is not listed above, go to [www.isa-arbor.com/certification/resources/cert\\_cred\\_TRAQ\\_EligibilityAppeal.pdf](http://www.isa-arbor.com/certification/resources/cert_cred_TRAQ_EligibilityAppeal.pdf) for information on submitting an appeal. Please be aware that the appeals process could take several months.