



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:

Iowa City, IA
15-17 April 2025
Hosted by: Iowa Arborist Association

REGISTRATION FEE*:

ISA Member	\$695
Non ISA Member	\$795
Exam Retake only	\$150 USD

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

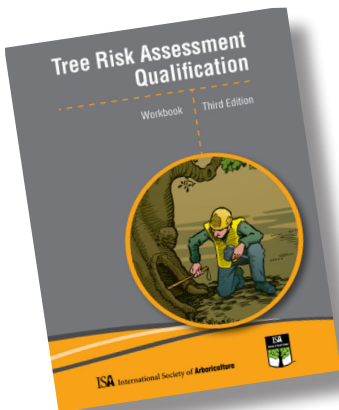
Registration Deadline:

Tuesday, 18 March 2025

How to Register:

Visit www.iowaarboristassociation.org to register. Contact Scott Carlson at info@scottcarlsonarborist.com for questions.

Participants will receive their course materials a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the TRAQ event. The manual, workbook and clipboard 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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Wednesday - Friday, 25-27 September 2024

Iowa Arborists Assoc. • Mercer Recreation Center - P&G Room
• 2701 Bradford Drive • Iowa City, IA • 52240

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Tuesday, 18 March 2025



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 or call +1 678.367.0981.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name for Badge: _____ Business Name: _____

Physical Address: (Required for shipping course materials) _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Extension: _____ Email: _____

Special Dietary Considerations: _____

Are you a current ISA Member? Yes - ISA Member Number _____ No Are you a current IAA Member? Yes No

Do you currently hold an ISA certification credential? Yes - ISA Certification Number _____ No

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](https://www.isa-arbor.com/Portals/0/Assets/PDF/TRAQ-App-Guide.pdf) (<https://www.isa-arbor.com/Portals/0/Assets/PDF/TRAQ-App-Guide.pdf>).

Special Testing 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.

PREREQUISITES

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 certops@isa-arbor.com.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ISA Board Certified Master Arborist® (Cert. ID# _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Arborist License |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ISA Certified Arborist® (Cert. ID# _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manitoba Arborist Training and Licensing Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Tree Expert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts Certified Arborist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AHC30810 Certificate III in Arboriculture (Australia) | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire Arborists Association Certified Arborist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASCA Registered Consulting Arborist (RCA) status | <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey Certified Tree Expert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut Arborist License | <input type="checkbox"/> NZ National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Tree Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island Arborist License |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Tree Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Society of American Foresters Certified Forester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fachagrarwirt Baumpflege | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <https://www.isa-arbor.com/Portals/0/Assets/PDF/Certification/TRAQ-Eligibility-Appeal.pdf> for information on submitting an appeal. Please be aware that the appeals process could take several months.