

# ISA Certified Arborist/Utility Specialist

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# ISA Certified Arborist/Utility Specialist



- ⌘ An ISA Certified Arborist
- ⌘ 3 years experience in utility arboriculture as a contractor, utility employee, consultant, etc.

# Utility Specialist



## ⌘ Just Completed Second Job Analysis

- ☑ Over a 20% response rate

  - ☒ 60 % utility employees

  - ☒ 25 % contractor employees

  - ☒ 15 % consultants

- ☑ Investor Owned, Municipals and Co-ops

- ☑ 75% interact with customers on a daily basis

# Utility Specialist Exam Domains

## Original



<b>Electric Utility Pruning</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Vegetation Management</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Electrical Knowledge</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Customer Relations</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>5%</b>

# Domains revised in 2007



- ⌘ Electric Utility Pruning – 25%
- ⌘ Program Management – 23%
- ⌘ Integrated Vegetation Management – 17%
- ⌘ Electrical Knowledge – 12%
- ⌘ Customer Relations – 18%
- ⌘ Storm Response – 5%

# Utility Specialist Study Materials



- ⌘ Study Guide – Beginning to work on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
- ⌘ *Arboriculture - Harris et al*
- ⌘ *Pruning Near Utility Lines - Shigo*
- ⌘ *Recognizing Tree Hazards*
- ⌘ *Trees and Overhead Utilities*
- ⌘ ANSI Z133.1, A-300 Pruning
- ⌘ OSHA 1910.269, 1910.268, 1910.331, 1910.335
- ⌘ ACRT Line Clearance Manual

# Utility Specialist Exam



- ⌘ 100 multiple-choice questions
- ⌘ 2 hours to complete
- ⌘ 75% passing score required

# Utility Specialist Eligibility Requirements



## ⌘ If your ISA Arborist Certification expires:

☒ 25-36 months	\$75 member	\$180 non-member
☒ 13-24 months	\$50 member	\$155 non-member
☒ 0-12 months	\$30 member	\$135 non-member

# Utility Specialist Recertification



- ⌘ Expires concurrently with ISA Arborist Certification - 3-year period
- ⌘ 36 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
  - ☑ 30 to meet Certified Arborist requirement
  - ☑ Six must be related to one or more of the five Utility Specialist domains
- ⌘ Payment of recertification fee
  - ☑ \$45 member
  - ☑ \$150 non-member