



Changes in Exams Start July 1, 2011

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The ISA Test Committee recently met March 30–April 1 to review the findings of the Job Task Analyses performed for the ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist, ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, and written exam for ISA Tree Worker Climber Specialist and Aerial Lift Specialist. While reviewing the industry findings, the ISA Test Committee performed the Nominal Group Technique. This technique incorporates both the industry findings along with the ISA Test Committee's areas of expertise to provide new credential domain weighting and examination formatting.

As of July 1, 2011, candidates can expect the changes from the Job Task Analyses to be incorporated into the four

credential exams. The domain weighting in these exams will change slightly, with the largest impact affecting the ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist. This exam was originally divided between six domains. In the new exam, the storm response domain will be merged with the program management domain. The slight change throughout the other three credentials will impact the weighting of each domain. This means that each domain may have more or fewer questions than the exams provided in early 2011.

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