

Grand Junction Licensed Tree Services International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist Competency

The following is information for companies interested in becoming International Society of Arboriculture certified arborists (ISA CA) to renew or obtain new licensing as a tree service working within the City of Grand Junction.

The Grand Junction Forestry Board has the regulatory authority to determine professional qualifications and competence for companies to engage in the business of cutting, trimming, pruning or removing trees in the City of Grand Junction (GJMC 2.36.030).

As determined in January 2018, beginning 1 January 2021 the Forestry Board is requiring all licensed tree services to have at least one ISA CA on staff acting as the licensee for the company.

Companies will be required to provide proof of employment for licensees annually to document that they are working at least 20 hours per week with the company they represent.

In order to take the ISA CA exam, applicants must have three years of full-time experience in arboriculture or a combination of education and practical experience. For more details about applying for the ISA CA exam, more information [can be found here](#) (Spanish language application information [can be found here](#)).

The Grand Junction Forestry Board works annually to set dates for written exams through the ISA, and those dates vary from year to year. ISA written testing exam dates can be [found here](#). It can take several weeks to receive results from paper-based exams. If you would like to be notified of opportunities, please email allisionl@gjcity.org to be added to our mailing list.

The cost for the certified arborist exam is \$280 for non-ISA members, and \$170 for individuals who are ISA International and Rocky Mountain Chapter members.

Computerized testing can be taken at any time of the year through a Pearson VUE testing center. Colorado Mesa University has a local Pearson VUE testing center on campus, and more information can be [found here](#). There is an additional \$125 testing provider fee when taking a computerized test. Exam results are provided immediately following computerized testing.

If you have further questions about becoming an International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist, please feel free to contact our office.