



New Exam Content Outline for the ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist® Credential

ATLANTA, Ga. — The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), with the assistance of volunteer subject matter experts and the Utility Arborist Association, have updated the exam content outline for the ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist® credential.

With the support of experts in multiple fields of practice, ISA conducts a process called Job Task Analysis (JTA) approximately every five years for each of its credentials to ensure the validity of our examinations. This process reviews or develops the set of knowledge and skills essential for a professional earning a given credential. The outcomes of this process are exam domains and an outline that reflects current duties and aspects of the profession.

The updated exam outline and domain weights for the ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist credential will be reflected in examinations taken on or after 10 December 2021.

Individuals enrolled, or planning to enroll, for this program after the aforementioned date should prepare for the examination using the newest version of the exam outline date marked 2020/2021. How the percentage of questions associated with individual domains included in this examination will change is provided below:

Current domain distribution for the ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist program:

Table with 2 columns: Domain in the examination, Percentage of questions associated with this domain. Rows include Electric Utility Pruning (12%), Program Management (19%), Integrated Vegetation Management (31%), Electrical Knowledge (23%), and Customer Relations (15%).

New domain distribution starting on 10 December 2021.

Table with 2 columns: Domain in the examination, Percentage of questions associated with this domain. Rows include Electric Utility Pruning (20%), Program Management (13%), Integrated Vegetation Management (18%), Electrical Knowledge (29%), and Customer Relations (20%).

ABOUT ISA

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., U.S., is a nonprofit professional organization dedicated to promoting the importance of arboriculture and educating the public about the significance of trees and the value of their proper care. As part of ISA’s advancing the arboriculture profession, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry, including ISA Certified Arborist ®. For more information about ISA and Certified Arborists, visit www.isa-arbor.com.

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