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CBT Offers Many Benefits for Certification Applicants

CHAMPAIGN, IL (February 5, 2009)-Professionals interested in testing for an ISA Certification credential now have the option to take the exam in a location of their choice. In October 2008, the International Society of Arboriculture signed a long-term contract to provide authorized testing centers for computer-based exams. ISA Certification candidates seeking one of the five certifications will soon have the option to test through paper-and-pencil exams or computer-based test delivery.

With the availability of computer exams, applicants no longer have to wait for open exam dates in their area and will be able to test closer to home. These advantages save valuable time and money for individuals and the companies they work for. For a minimal administrative fee, applicants can save on travel expenses and time away from work.

The Certified Arborist computer-based exam is currently available in select locations. Applicants can view available testing locations at the ISA web site. ISA is also in the process of preparing the other four exam credentials for computer-based testing.

The computer-based ISA Certification exams will be delivered exclusively through domestic and international Pearson Professional Centers as well as Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center Select locations outside the United States.

“When an organization transitions from a paper-and-pencil testing program to computer-based testing, there are many benefits for test takers,” said Robert Whelan, president of Pearson VUE. “ISA candidates can expect a high-quality testing experience in our test centers.” Pearson VUE will have ISA certification program testing locations throughout the United States as well as select locations around the world.

“ISA is excited to move our certification process into computer-based delivery,” said Derek Vannice, ISA Director of Certification. “Our candidates will have more opportunities to obtain their certifications through the expanding Pearson VUE global network.”

About Pearson VUE

Pearson VUE is the global leader in computer-based testing for information technology, academic, government and professional testing programs around the world. Pearson VUE provides a full suite of services from test development to data management, and delivers exams through the world's largest and most secure network of test centers in 162 countries.

About the International Society of Arboriculture

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, IL, is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. To promote the importance of arboriculture, ISA manages the consumer education web site, www.treesaregood.org. Also, as a part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information on ISA and Certified Arborists, visit www.isa-arbor.com.



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