



# Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal Course

## ABOUT THE COURSE

The ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) program provides an opportunity for professionals in the arboriculture industry to expand their knowledge through education and training in the fundamentals of tree risk assessment. This qualification promotes the safety of people and property by providing a standardized and systematic process for assessing tree risk. The results of a tree risk assessment can provide tree owners and risk managers with the information to make informed decisions to enhance tree benefits, health, and longevity.

*The Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal Course* is a one-day refresher, with five hours of instruction, and three hours to take the exam. Current TRAQ holders may complete the TRAQ Renewal Course as early as 18 months prior to your qualification expiration date.

## COURSE CONTENT

*Tree Biology and Mechanics:* Participants will learn how to assess wood structure, decay, and tree mechanics, and evaluate their impact on likelihood of tree or tree part failure. Participants will also learn how to identify and assess defects and conditions that may affect likelihood of failure.

*Tree Inspection and Assessment:* Participants will learn about types of targets, assess the likelihood of a tree or tree part impacting a target, and estimate the consequences of tree or tree part failure. Participants will also learn how to assess site factors that may influence likelihood of failure.

*Data Analysis and Risk Categorization:* After learning the tree and target factors that must be assessed, participants will combine likelihood of failure, likelihood of impact, and consequences of failure to derive a risk rating. This rating helps the assessor communicate tree risk to clients and risk managers, and allows comparison of risk levels between trees.

*Risk Reporting:* Participants will learn skills for clearly communicating tree risk to clients, both in written and verbal reports. Participants will also learn about the key components that should be included in a report after completing a tree risk assessment.



## TREE RISK ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

The Tree Risk Assessment Qualification is valid for five years from the date the TRAQ exam is passed. The qualification holder is required to retake the course and pass the exam every five years in order to maintain the qualification.

## COURSE ELIGIBILITY

To be able to register for the TRAQ Renewal Course you must hold a TRAQ credential. You may complete the TRAQ Renewal Course as early as 18 months prior to your qualification expiration date.

## WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

**Franklin IN 23 August 2022**

Hosted by Indiana Chapter, ISA

## REGISTRATION

<b><i>Fee*:</i></b>	
ISA Member	\$220 USD
Non ISA Member	\$260 USD
Exam Retake Only	\$150 USD

\*Course registration fee includes study materials along with lunch and breaks during the one-day course. Exam retakes must contact ISA Headquarters to register.

### ***Registration Deadline:***

**Saturday, 23 July 2022**

### ***How to Register:***

Visit [www.indiana-arborist.org](http://www.indiana-arborist.org) to register. Contact Lindsey Purcell at [lindsey@indiana-arborist.org](mailto:lindsey@indiana-arborist.org) for questions.

Participants are asked to bring their Tree Risk Assessment manual and clipboard to the course.



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