

MN Certified Tree Inspector Program

A competency state-based certification program



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History & Responsibilities

- Program created in 1974 in response to Dutch elm disease
- Program administered by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
 - Maintain Tree Inspector Database
 - Send notification of test results and Tree Inspector cards
- University of Minnesota conducts and manages education and examinations



2022 Minnesota Statutes

89.63 CERTIFICATION OF TREE INSPECTORS.

(a) The governing body of a municipality may appoint a qualified tree inspector. Two or more municipalities may jointly appoint a tree inspector for the purpose of administering their respective pest control programs.

(b) Upon a determination by the commissioner that a candidate for the position of tree inspector is qualified, the commissioner shall issue a certificate of qualification to the tree inspector. The certificate is valid for one year. A person certified as a tree inspector by the commissioner may enter and inspect any public or private property that might harbor forest pests or shade tree pests. The commissioner shall offer an annual tree inspector certification workshop, upon completion of which participants are qualified as tree inspectors.

(c) The commissioner may suspend and, upon notice and hearing, decertify a tree inspector if the tree inspector fails to act competently or in the public interest in the performance of duties.

History: [2007 c 57 art 1 s 73](#)





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Certification Curriculum

- Dutch elm disease
- Oak wilt
- Emerald ash borer
- Other forest insect pests (*Lymantria dispar* (Spongy moth), forest tent caterpillar)
- Basic tree species identification
- Best planting practices
- Firewood ID



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New Certification

- Take and pass ($\geq 70\%$) the Certified Tree Inspector Exam at an annual certification workshop or via the online course
- Submit DNR Application for Certification



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Annual Recertification

Complete **6 hours of continuing education** credits each year by attending **approved workshops** or completing an **approved electronic recertification option**.

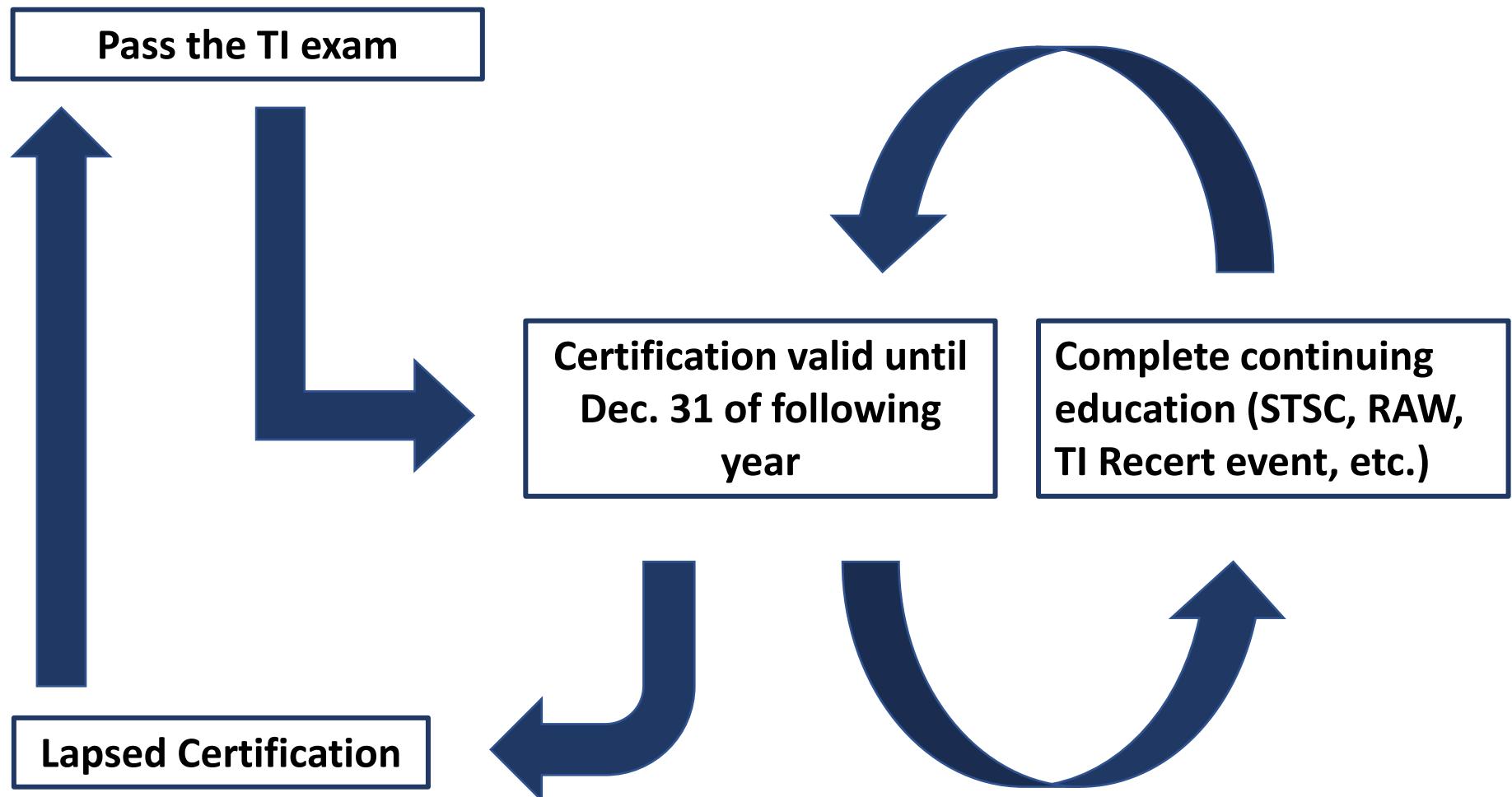
- **Workshop examples:** MN Shade Tree Short Course, Northern Green Expo, MN Certified Tree Inspector Workshops, Rochester Arborists Workshop (RAW), Iowa Shade Tree Short Course, etc.



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Recertification cycle





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Become a certified tree inspector

There are several ways to obtain your Tree Inspector Certification. You may also want to read through the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for a more extensive explanation of the program. On this page, you can find currently available options for certification and recertification.



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Education Questions?

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