

Practicing Arboriculture in Manitoba

Changes to Arborists Regulations

Changes to the *Arborists Regulation* came into force on April 1st, 2018, eliminating the need for arborists to maintain a Government of Manitoba issued arborists licence.

To practice arboriculture in Manitoba you must either:

- Have in your possession a previously issued Manitoba Arborists Licence that was valid after **October 1, 2017**, or
- have proof of successfully completing the Manitoba Arborists Training Course from the University of Manitoba before **July 1, 2019**, or
- **hold and maintain arborist certification from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).**

As before, the following exceptions apply:

- A person does not need certification if the only arboriculture services they provide is planting and watering trees/woody plants or applying pesticides to trees/woody plants.
- Assistants who are not certified may provide tree care if a qualified arborist is present at the worksite and directly supervises the assistant's work.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I passed the University of Manitoba Arborists Training course before July 1, 2019, but I did not have my Manitoba arborist's licence. Can I legally practice arboriculture in Manitoba?

A: Yes. When you are working, you must be able to produce confirmation that shows you completed and passed the course.

Q: I currently have a Manitoba arborists licence that has not expired yet. Will the province be issuing me something new when my licence expires?

A: No. When your licence expires you can keep it to produce it when you are working in Manitoba.

Q: I passed the Manitoba Arborists Training Course, but I no longer have a copy of the confirmation I received from the University of Manitoba. Can I still practice arboriculture in Manitoba?

A: Yes. However, you will need to obtain a proof of completion from Agriculture and Resource Development, Forestry Branch (204-945-7866) to keep with you when you are working.

Q: I previously held a Manitoba arborists licence and/or I previously passed the Manitoba Arborists Training course. Does this mean that I am now automatically an ISA certified arborist?

A: No. If you decide you would like to obtain your ISA certification, you will need to contact the ISA for more information (<http://www.isaprairie.com/>).

Q: I did not take the Manitoba Arborists Training course, but I did have a Manitoba arborists licence. Can I still practice arboriculture in Manitoba?

A: If you had a valid licence after **Oct 1, 2017**, then you can still practice arboriculture in Manitoba. If you had allowed your licence to lapse before that, you will need to obtain certification through the ISA.

Q: I did not previously hold a Manitoba arborists licence, but I do have my ISA certification. Can I practice arboriculture in Manitoba now?

A: Yes. You can now practice arboriculture in Manitoba if you have ISA certification.

Further Information

Please contact the Forestry Branch at 204-945-7866 if you require further information.

For information on obtaining ISA certification, please visit <https://www.isa-arbor.com/> or call at 1.888.472.8733.

To see a copy of the legislation, please go to:

[The Forest Health Protection Act](#)

[Arborists Regulation](#)