



OLCA Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exam

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Dear Landscape Industry Certified – Technician Exterior Exam Candidate:

The Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exam is a national certification through the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP). This test is currently being administered in Oregon by the Oregon Landscape Contractors Association and is a combination of a hands-on and a written exam. Starting May 1, 2019, the exam will change to an online testing system through NALP directly. Because of this change in format, the Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exam administered by OLCA will be available for retake candidates only until April 1, 2019.

Between now and April 1, 2019 OLCA will be hosting the following opportunities for you to retake any sections needed to finish your Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exam.

- **A Written and & Hands-on Test will be held on July 27, 2018 at Clackamas Community College.**
- **Written testing dates/locations: Various dates will be announced in January 2019.**

The reason for the test format change according to NALP:

NALP has made the decision to eliminate the hands-on component of the exam and the exam will be administered completely online and through remote proctoring. This will mean that you will be able to take the exam at any time, right from your computer/desktop. The goal of these changes is to elevate the program to a fully nationwide audience, to make it more accessible to the entire industry, and to standardize and strengthen the program. More importantly, this will allow us to raise the professional standards for our industry. The content of the new exam will stay consistent, assessing the same core competencies, but it will simply be delivered in a new, consistent and more convenient format.

What this means for you as a candidate:

If you are a current candidate of the Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exterior program, you have until April 30, 2019 to complete the program. After that date, if you have not passed the test, you will be required to take the new exam in its entirety.

As of May 1, 2019 your candidate information will be handed over to the National Association of Landscape Professionals (the owner of the certification exam), who will be administering the program from that point forward. They will be in touch during the first quarter of 2019 with further instructions for how to take the new exam in 2019.

If you have any questions about this transition, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We thank you for your commitment to professionalism and achieving the highest standards of excellence through certification!

Sincerely,

Peter Timmen
OLCA Certification Chair