

MCLP Study Guide Order Form

The Massachusetts Landscape Professionals' Certification Study Guide CD version 5.0

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Massachusetts landscape professional

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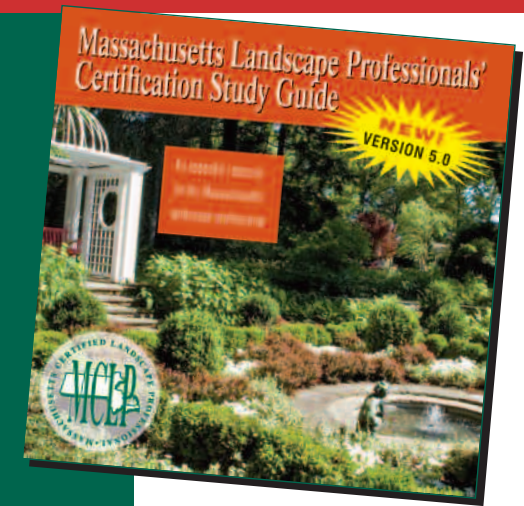
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YOU DO BUSINESS IN A VERY DEMANDING MARKETPLACE — landscape architects, general contractors, and residential customers rely on landscape contractors for efficient construction techniques and cutting edge horticultural expertise. In order to provide sound, scientific horticultural advice and proper installation, today's landscape professional must be knowledgeable in a wide variety of subjects including plant health care, soils, turfgrass management, proper use of pesticides, construction techniques, landscape design, environmental stewardship, and more.

The Massachusetts Association of Landscape Professionals is proud to sponsor the Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional (MCLP) program. This voluntary certification program gives certified individuals, as well as the companies that employ them, the opportunity to increase their knowledge and their ability to perform while enhancing the overall image of the landscape profession.

Professional certification is one of the most important steps an individual can take to demonstrate knowledge and commitment to his or her career. Certified individuals stand out as examples of excellence in the green industry. Certification reflects achievement and establishes professional credentials.

MCLP Program

The MCLP program is designed to test the skills and knowledge of the landscape professional; to have this achievement and professional designation recognized in the eyes of the public and the green industry; and to provide a means of continuing education for the certified professional.

Study Material, Application & Exam

The *Massachusetts Landscape Professionals' Certification Study Guide* is available on CD and provides a comprehensive resource for the Massachusetts landscape professional. Recently updated by a team of experts from the University of Massachusetts and MLP, this essential resource serves as a primer for MCLP candidates.

The MCLP examination is designed to assess the fundamental knowledge and skills that all landscape professionals should have, regardless of their area of practice. The knowledge required to pass the exam is significant. Certification candidates should begin preparing for the exam well in advance. The exam is typically offered twice a year (March/November). Exam applications are found in the *Study Guide* and are due, along with testing fees, two weeks prior to the scheduled examination date.

The written MCLP examination is based on information found in the *Study Guide* and the practical application of that material. It tests on a variety of subjects including:

- Plant Biology
- Soil Ecology
- Plant Health Care
- Insect Pests
- Plant Pathology
- Construction Techniques
- Drainage & Grading
- Project Management
- Turfgrass Management & Maintenance
- Plant Installation
- Plant Identification

The examination consists of two parts. A passing score of 70% must be achieved on both parts to earn the MCLP designation. Part I uses visual prompts and candidates are asked to identify approximately 60 plants, with both the scientific and common name, as well as a variety of insects and diseases. Part II consists of approximately 150 questions that can take the form of multiple choice or true/false. It typically takes about three (3) hours to complete the MCLP examination.

Any individual who does not successfully complete the MCLP examination has the right to take a re-examination within twelve months of their original examination date.

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Recertification

MCLP certification is valid for one calendar year. During that time, MCLPs must accumulate ten (10) recertification credits and non-members pay an annual administration fee. There are a variety of opportunities to obtain recertification credit, many of which parallel other industry certification and licensing programs. Association involvement, industry seminars, community service, and attendance at New England Grows are a few of the ways MCLPs may obtain recertification credit.

Complete recertification information will be sent upon successful completion of the MCLP examination.

Fees

	MLP Members	Non Members
<i>Study Guide</i> CD	75.00	150.00
Original Exam (requires original <i>Study Guide</i> CD Identification Number)	75.00	150.00
Re-examination (required within 12 months of original exam date)	50.00	100.00
Annual Renewal (requires 10 recertification credits)	included in dues	50.00

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The *MCLP Study Guide* is intended to serve as a recommended program of study. The *Study Guide* is general in nature, to serve as a primer. The items discussed in the *Study Guide* should be used or practiced only by those properly trained, educated and experienced in the field of landscape construction and installation.

The *Study Guide* is designed to help certification candidates review the topics covered in the examination. Certification candidates should be aware that the *Study Guide* does not necessarily represent the full range of examination content. Certification candidates should also be aware that the reference list included in the *Study Guide* does not attempt to include all acceptable reference material, nor is it suggested that the MCLP examination is necessarily based on these references.

MLP does not and cannot guarantee enhanced performance on the certification examination as a result of using the *Study Guide*.

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