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Dear Landscape Industry Certified Technician Exterior Candidate:

The National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) recently announced changes to the Landscape Industry Certified – Technician Exterior (LIC-T) program that significantly influence the testing options in Ohio. **As of May 1, 2019, the hands-on components of the technician certification exam will be eliminated.** The exam will be revised and administered completely online, with more information to come from NALP.

What this means for you as a current Ohio LIC-T candidate is that you have until April 30, 2019, to successfully complete any retake tests you need to pass in order to achieve your certification. After that date, if you have not passed any portion of the test, you will need to take the new online exam, in its entirety, in order to become Landscape Industry Certified through NALP.

While hands-on testing is permitted until April 30, 2019, such testing will be extremely difficult in Ohio over the winter months. Please know that the Ohio LIC-T test partnership members have agreed to do whatever we can to help you successfully complete your retake tests and achieve your Landscape Industry Certified Technician status by the end of this year. To that end, we have committed to offering additional hands-on retake tests in October and November, if needed, so that you have multiple opportunities to complete your certification testing before the end of 2018. Also, note the following changes for the August 2018:

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 2:30PM, Written Tests**

**Thursday, August 9, 2018, Hands-on Test** – In order to maximize the time available for hands-on testing, no new candidate written tests will be offered on this date. *New candidates will take written tests on August 8 or an alternative testing date.* Additionally, we strongly encourage everyone with written retakes to register to take them on August 8, allowing more flexibility to accommodate everyone for hands-on testing schedule August 9.

**Friday, August 10, 2018, 9AM, Hands-on Retakes – Available at no additional fee and ONLY if you are testing on Thursday, August 9** – We will be scoring all hands-on tests as they happen on Thursday, August 9, in order to notify you of your results at the end of the day. This is so that you can complete your retakes the very next day, Friday, August 10, while the test site is set-up and our volunteers and equipment are still onsite.

***Please plan to stay in Wooster again Thursday night or to drive back to Wooster on Friday if you will need to retake any test problems. This is your chance to complete retake tests at no additional charge; you will not have to pay any retake testing fee on Friday, August 10, as long as you also tested on Thursday, August 9 at the Ohio test site. The hands-on retake tests will be offered Friday on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 9AM.***

More information will be provided after the August tests, but additional written test dates will be made available and the following Ohio hands-on retake testing dates are tentatively planned for Friday, October 12, 2018, and Saturday, November 3, 2018.

I am very sorry for the confusion and frustration caused by the change to the national LIC-T testing format. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions: [sayers.1@osu.edu](mailto:sayers.1@osu.edu), or 330-287-0100.

Sincerely,

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