

## APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/CLUB/FIRM \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT — (include last 5 years — previous employers will be contacted to confirm your employment history)

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DEGREES: (must provide copies of transcript to receive credit)

List 3 references — one must be TTA member and one must be a former employer.  
NAME AND ADDRESSES OF EACH:

**Certified  
Professional  
Turf  
Manager**



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## OVERVIEW

The Certified Professional Turf Manager (CPTM) designation recognizes a level of achievement in professional turfgrass management in Texas beyond a Bachelor of Science degree or a long tenure in the industry. The CPTM designation is a mark of distinction.

Professionals who acquire the CPTM designation benefit the turfgrass industry and themselves through increased self-esteem and respect, increased value and service to their employer and increased competitiveness in the job market. By acquiring the CPTM designation, the professional turf manager sets themselves apart from other turf managers.

For applicants to be considered for the CPTM designation and to maintain that designation they must provide documented evidence of turf management skills, participation in continuing education programs and successful employment in the turfgrass industry. Applicants for the CPTM designation are also required to satisfactorily complete a comprehensive written examination. An intensive 4-day training program in preparation for the examination is optional.

## OBJECTIVES

- To raise and maintain the professional standards of those employed in the turfgrass industry in Texas;
- To provide effective continuing education programs for professional turfgrass managers;
- To award special recognition to professional turfgrass managers who demonstrate a high level of accomplishment and skill;
- To encourage professional turf managers to become active participants in the Texas Turfgrass Association.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATION

Professional turfgrass managers meeting the following qualifications are eligible to apply for the Certified Professional Turf Manager designation. Applications and fees must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Texas Turfgrass Association 30 days prior to the examination dates published in TEXAS TURFGRASS.

1. Applicant must be currently employed in the turfgrass industry on a full-time basis.
2. Applicant must have a B.S. degree in agronomy, horticulture or related field plus 2 or more years experience on a full-time basis; OR 5 years full-time experience in professional turfgrass management.
3. Applicant must provide 3 references to include at

least one member of TTA and a former or present employer.

4. Do you have less than 5 years experience and no degree? TTA will allow a Applicant with the following qualifications and stipulations:

In addition to meeting 1 and 3 above, TTA will allow an applicant with less than 5 years of experience or no degree by attending one TTA conference for the next 5 consecutive years. This CPTM status will remain in effect as long as the 5 years are confirmed.

## ADMINISTRATION

The CPTM program is administered by a three-member Certification Board appointed by the President of the Texas Turfgrass Association with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Texas Turfgrass Association. Certification Board members serve a three-year term. Vacancies are appointed by the President of TTA with approval of the Board.

## TRAINING

One 2-day intensive training program in turf management will be offered at the summer meeting. One 2-day intensive training in business management will be offered at the annual conference.

The deadline for registering for the training program is 30 days prior to the first day of training.

The training program will cover all aspects of turf management and will be separated into the following sections for testing purposes:

- The Turfgrasses
- Cultural Practices (Irrigation)
- Weed Management
- Pest Management
- Personnel Management
- Financial Management

## EXAMINATION

A certification examination will be offered annually at the conclusion of each training program.

To earn the CPTM designation the applicant must meet all of the qualifications listed above and make a grade of 70% or above on each section of the certification examination.

An applicant who fails to have 70% on any section of the examination has one year from the date of the examina-

tion to retake the exam without going through the application process. After one year, the applicant who fails the examination must reapply for certification.

## RECERTIFICATION

CPTM's must accumulate at least 15 certification points each three years and submit a Recertification Form to the Executive Director to verify accumulated points and employment history; otherwise, they will need to reapply and pass the examination to regain their certification.

Certification points will be awarded for the following educational activities:

Texas Turfgrass Annual Conference	5 points
Texas Turfgrass Summer Conference	5 points
National/Regional Turfgrass Conferences	3 points
Turfgrass Field Day at College Station or Dallas	2 points
Local meetings (per meeting)	
Verification must be accompanied by a copy of the program or Supporting material (maximum of 5 points for local meetings over 3-year period)	
1-day meeting	1 point
1/2 day meeting	1/2 point

All material must be submitted within 60 days and the Executive Director is empowered to decide on the number of points awarded. Any appeals may be made to the CPTM committee and they will make the final decision.

The CPTM has the burden of responsibility to notify Texas Turfgrass Association of certification and applicable deadlines.

Failure to meet the recertification requirements shall be terms for suspension of certification.

## MASTER CPTM

A CPTM who maintains his certification designation and accumulates 50 certification points will attain a Master CPTM designation.

## FEE APPLICATION:

<b>TTA MEMBER</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>NON-MEMBER</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>