

January 30, 2020

Mr. Bernard Treml, III, State Director
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Dear Mr. Treml,

The New Jersey Board of Tree Experts has been contacted by several Tree Experts who are licensed by the Board under The Tree Experts and Tree Care Operators Licensing Act N.J.S.A. 45:15c-11 et. seq. Currently there are 1,089 licensees and 938 registered tree care businesses in New Jersey. Their concern is regarding the requirement to participate in a registered apprenticeship program.

The Board's licensing law requires licensees to obtain 32 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in both ANSI A300 Tree Care Practice Standards and ANSI Z133 Safety Standards for Arborists, and registered tree care businesses must provide instruction and training in those standards. This training must be documented to the satisfaction of the Board to maintain an individual license and/or a business registration.

Because of these requirements to adhere to training to these Standards and Best Management Practices (BMPs) specifically designed for tree care services, the Board would like to know if tree care companies, in good standing with the Board and compliant with N.J.S.A. 45:15c-11 et. seq. would need to participate in a registered apprenticeship program.

It is the Board's understanding that an apprenticeship program for the tree care industry does not exist in New Jersey.

The Board would appreciate your comments and response.

Sincerely,

Steve M. Chisholm, Sr
President
New Jersey Board of Tree Experts