

MASTER SUPERINTENDENT® (MS) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
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CGSA
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(Updated October 5, 2025)

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REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

The CGSA Board of Directors has approved a recommendation from the Professional Development and Research Committee with regards to the CGSA Master Superintendent (MS) Designation

Effective October 5, 2025, the eligibility criteria that must be met to write the Master Superintendent® exam includes:

- Must be a CGSA "Superintendent" or "Golf Course Management" member;
- Hold the Accredited Golf Superintendent™ (AGS®) designation, and;
- Complete the Master Superintendent exam with the required passing grade (exam is three (3) hours and includes nine sections and 150 questions; candidates must achieve a minimum grade of fifty percent (50%) in each section) and achieve an overall mark of seventy percent (70%).

APPLICATION GUIDELINE:

Section I - Work Experience

Section II - Membership in Professional Organization/Association

Recommended Readings & Exam Breakdown

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:	
Title:	
Business Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	E-Mail:
Telephone:	Fax:
This is my: Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Address	

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

The MS Application Fee is \$295.00 Plus Applicable Tax (by Province) and Must Be Submitted with This Application

GST/HST# 100765106 ~ QST #1223912041

Please charge \$295.00 plus tax to my: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express or ☐ Cheque Enclosed

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CVV Numbers on Back of Card: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____ Postal Code Connected to Card: _____

I certify that the information contained within this renewal is accurate and falls within the guidelines and terms of use for the CGSA Accredited Golf Superintendent / Accredited Golf Assistant Superintendent Designation program.

Signature

Date Received

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SECTION I - WORK EXPERIENCE

Eight (8) years experience as a Superintendent. List
most recent employers first.

Title/Job Name:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
Start Date:	End Date:
Title/Job Name:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
Start Date:	End Date:
Title/Job Name:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
Start Date:	End Date:
Title/Job Name:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
Start Date:	End Date:

If required, additional work experience may be listed on the reverse.

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SECTION II - MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

CGSA Superintendent Member in Good Standing is a requirement for application.

Name of Organization/Association:
Year Joined:
Currently a Member: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Office Held (if any):
Name of Organization/Association:
Year Joined:
Currently a Member: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Office Held (if any):
Name of Organization/Association:
Year Joined:
Currently a Member: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Office Held (if any):
Name of Organization/Association:
Year Joined:
Currently a Member: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Office Held (if any):

Submit Application to:
Canadian Golf Superintendents Association
2605 Summerville Court, Unit #A2082
Mississauga, ON L4X 0A2
FAX: 416-626-1958 ~ EMAIL: cgsa@golfsupers.com

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Master Superintendent® Recommended Reading

All questions for the Master Superintendent® exam will be taken from the recommended readings. The recommended readings for this exam are listed below with the author in brackets:

- Environmental Management Resource Manual (CGSA, M. Scenna, K. Morrison) • A Guide to Environmental Stewardship for the Golf Course (Audubon International) • Turfgrass Management for Golf Courses 2nd Edition (James Beard)
- Managing Turfgrass Pests (Thomas Watschke, Peter Dernoeden, David Shetler) • Turfgrass Management (A.J. Turgeon)
- Turfgrass Soil Fertility and Chemical Problems (R.N. Carrow, D.V. Waddington, P.E. Rieke) • Fundamentals of Turfgrass Management (Nick Christians)
- Practical Golf Course Maintenance (Michael Bavier, Gordon Witteveen) • The Rules of Golf (RCGA)
- Human Resources Management for Golf Course Superintendents (Robert Milligan; Thomas Maloney)

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MASTER SUPERINTENDENT EXAM BREAKDOWN (Updated October 8, 2019)

The exam is three (3) hours long and consists of 150 multiple choice type questions (open book format) and covers the blocks and skills within the National Occupational Standards (NOS) as noted in the DACUM chart. The details of the NOS and DACUM chart can be found at www.golfsupers.com.

The MS□ Exam is based level three skills in the National Occupations Standards. The mark that is required to pass the exam is a minimum grade of fifty percent (50%) in each section and an over average of 70%).

Block A - Golf Course Turfgrass Management	20%	-	30 questions
Block B - Golf Course Management Planning	7%	-	10 questions
Block C - Golf Course Administration	20%	-	30 questions
Block D - Golf Course Irrigation Management	10%	-	15 questions
Block E - Golf Course Environmental Management	11%	-	17 questions
Block F - Golf Course Construction and Renovation	13%	-	39 questions
Block G - Golf Course Property Management	9%	-	14 questions
Block H - Golf Course Equipment Management	5%	-	7 questions
Block I - Golf Course Health & Safety	5%	-	7 questions
	100%		150 questions

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