



## ETCP updates Portable Power Distribution Technician eligibility requirements

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, the ETCP Certification Council has lowered the eligibility requirements for candidates applying to take the Portable Power Distribution Technician (PPDT) examination to 20 points from the original 25 points.

These points may be garnered through work experience alone, or can be comprised of work experience plus any of the following: training (i.e. apprenticeships or internships), licensures, and/or degrees from accredited institutions. Courses taken outside a formal program of undergraduate or graduate studies do not count towards

eligibility. Learn more at <http://estalink.us/etcppdt>.

The ETCP PPDT Certification is focused on a large population of industry workers in the roles of lighting technicians, stagehands, portable power/strike technicians, as well as facility maintenance personnel for a wide variety of venues. This certification targets the top two-thirds of people working with this technology at various types of facilities in the corporate, trade show, outdoor event, theatrical, and motion picture/television segments of the entertainment industry. ■

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After an extensive survey of stakeholders, employers, and subject matter experts, it was determined that candidates could acquire the foundational knowledge and skills to qualify to sit for the Portable Power Distribution Technician examination with a less stringent work requirement. Effective immediately, the ETCP Certification Council has lowered the eligibility requirements for candidates applying to take the PPDT examination to 20 points from the original 25 points.

## Updated Portable Power Distribution Technician Requirements

Type of Experience	Points	Documentation Required
<b>ETCP Certification Examinations</b>		
ETCP Entertainment Electrician Certification	20	Holders of the ETCP Entertainment Electrician Certification automatically qualify to take the PPDT Examination.
<b>Professional Work Experience</b>		
Professional Electrical Work Experience	1 for each 100 hours	Work experience must be related strictly to power distribution. Refer to the Content Outline for a list of skillsets.
Internship	1 for each 200 hours (5 pts. max)	A completed Applicant Evaluation form by the official representative of the internship is required.
Apprenticeship	1 for each 100 hours (10 pts. max)	A completed Applicant Evaluation form by the official representative of the apprenticeship is required.
<i>Notes: Licensure credits may contribute a maximum of 15 points.</i>		
Journeyman Electrician's License	10	Copy of the current license is required.
Master Electrician's License	15	Copy of the current license is required.
<i>Notes: Education credits may contribute a maximum of 5 points. All degrees must be achieved from an accredited institution.</i>		
Associates Degree	1	An official transcript is required from the granting institution.
Associates Degree in Entertainment Technology Field	2	An official transcript is required from the granting institution.
Undergraduate Degree	2	An official transcript is required from the granting institution.
Undergraduate Degree in Entertainment Technology Field	5	An official transcript is required from the granting institution.
Graduate Degree	1	An official transcript is required from the granting institution.
Graduate Degree in Entertainment Technology Field	2	An official transcript is required from the granting institution.

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