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# Next up: Entertainment Electrician certification exam

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## ETCP News Summary

- Electrical examination information now available.  
Exam date at LDI 2006: October 19  
Application deadline is July 1 and space is limited
- Rigging Examinations  
View ETCP Certificates with new online search tool.  
Application submission cycle announced for computer exams  
Rigging examinations also at LDI 2006: October 20  
Application deadline is July 1 and space is limited
- ETCP Recognition for training programs, employers, and labor providers available.

## ETCP Electrical exam information now available

THE ETCP CERTIFIED ENTERTAINMENT ELECTRICIAN CANDIDATE handbooks and application forms are here! These handbooks were seen flying off the shelves at the USITT trade show in Louisville, KY in March, and now one (or more) can be yours. The first ETCP electrical examination will be held in October in conjunction with LDI 2006. Candidate information, including eligibility requirements and application forms, are available on the ETCP website at <http://etcp.esta.org>.

All experienced entertainment electricians are invited to take the industry's first electrical certification exam. The electrical certification is designed for highly experienced electricians (including leads, supervisors, and managers of entertainment electrical work). Individuals must meet eligibility requirements to apply for the examination. The application deadline is July 1, and space is limited.

Candidates who pass the examination in October 2006 will be the first ETCP Certified Entertainment Electricians in North America and will be acknowledged as the only members of the "Class of 2006." Certificants will also be listed on ETCP's website, which allows employers and the public to search for ETCP Certified Technicians.

The content for the examination is based on a job analysis performed by twelve subject matter experts under the guidance of a professional psychometric firm, AMP, along with input from electricians across North America. Hundreds of electricians volunteered to participate in this important survey, and yielded the second highest response rate AMP has ever seen. Thank you to all who took the time to help make this electrical certification so successful.

## ETCP Recognition Program

The ETCP's Rigging Training Recognition Program guidelines, application, and licensing requirements are now available. This program has been initiated to recognize rigging training programs



for ETCP renewal credits. ETCP Certified Riggers are required to participate in on-going professional education to maintain their certification. After the launch of the Entertainment Electrician examination in October 2006, ETCP will begin recognizing electrical training programs.

## ETCP Riggering exam update

As noted in the last issue of *Protocol*, there are over 95 arena and 110 theatre riggers making our industry safer. These certificants can be spotted at jobsites across North America wearing the ETCP Certified

## Many certified riggers have already found their certification has helped them get jobs, and employers are beginning to request ETCP Certified Technicians at job sites.

ETCP Recognized Programs provide certificants with twice as many renewal credits as unrecognized programs. Many organizations will find ETCP Recognition and the ETCP logo to be effective tools for marketing their programs. Programs receiving ETCP Recognition will be listed on the ETCP website with the contact name, phone number, and a link to the provider's web site. Training providers who wish to have their programs recognized must submit a full program description, a list of instructors including qualifications, learning objectives, and other requested program information for administrative review. In order to provide you with adequate time for marketing your program, ETCP recommends applications be submitted at least three months prior to the program date.

## ETCP has also released the Employer and Labor Provider Recognition Programs.

These programs have been initiated to recognize employers who utilize ETCP Certified Technicians, as well as labor providers who provide ETCP Certified Technicians to job sites. Employers and labor providers who sign the best practices agreement also agree to encourage their employees and workforce to become ETCP Certified Technicians and to promote safety and continuing education and training. Organizations who agree to these best practices show a commitment to the enhancement of safety and reduction of risk in the workplace in our industry.

Organizations receiving ETCP Recognition will be listed on the ETCP website along with contact information as well as a link to the organization's web site. They may utilize the special ETCP Recognized logo on company letterhead, on their website, and on advertising materials.

logo. You can also ask to view their ID card which includes his/her photo, name, certification type, and expiration date.

If you would like to join these elite riggers by becoming ETCP Certified, you can apply now for the examinations held at over 150 computer centers around the US, Canada, and other select locations around the world.

Don't delay obtaining your certification. Perspective employers are now searching for certified technicians on the ETCP website in a variety of ways, including certification type, name, and location. Many certified riggers have already found their certification has helped them get jobs, and employers are beginning to request ETCP Certified Technicians at job sites.

Applicants who wish to apply for computer based testing need to complete the "Computer Based Testing 2006" Riggering Certification Application Form. To ensure seating in an examination cycle please have your application submitted by:

- June 1 for **third quarter**  
(seating July, August, September)
- September 1 for **fourth quarter**  
(seating October, November, December)

The riggering examinations are also being offered at LDI 2006 in October. The application deadline for this paper and pencil administration is July 1 and space is limited.

*If you are interested in having any of the information mentioned (recognition forms, electrical or riggering examination and application information) mailed or emailed to you, please contact Katie Geraghty, ETCP Certification Director, at 212.244.1505 or [kgeraghty@esta.org](mailto:kgeraghty@esta.org) with your contact information. Also, all materials are available online at <http://etcp.esta.org>.*

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