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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 Rigging exam update
As noted in the last issue of Protocol, there are over 95 arena and 110 theatre riggers making our industry safer. These certifications can be spotted at jobsites across North America wearing the ETCP Certified 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” Rigging 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 rigging 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 rigging examination and application information) mailed or emailed to you, please contact Katie Geraghty, ETCP Certification Director, at 212.244.1505 or kgeraghty@esta.org with your contact information. Also, all materials are available online at http://etcp.esta.org.

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