



# BENEFITS OF ETA<sup>®</sup> INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION

## Benefits for All

- Affordable with FREE retake

•  Accredited by ICAC  
International Certification Accreditation Council for ISO 17024 Standard

## Benefits for the Employer

- Raise bottom line
- More efficient workplace
- Lower employee turnover
- Raise employee confidence
- Increase customer satisfaction
- Enhance public image
- Assure a measurable level of expertise and quality

## Benefits for the Technician

- Advance your career
- Prove your commitment to the industry
- Validate your skills and knowledge
- Gain a competitive edge
- Increase earning power
- Increase confidence
- Personal satisfaction
- Enhance career mobility
- Professional and portable credentials
- Become a Subject Matter Expert (SME)

## Benefits for the Educator

- Increase curriculum value
- Increase marketability
- End of course assessment
- Satisfy Perkins requirements
- Become a Subject Matter Expert (SME)
- Earn compensation for your school



# WHY CHOOSE ETA<sup>®</sup> INTERNATIONAL FOR YOUR CERTIFICATION?

- **High Standards:** ETA models its electronics certification exams after international competency standards. ETA is a member of the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC), which audits ETA's programs on a 5-year schedule.
- **Recognition:** ETA is accredited to the ISO 17024 standard. ETA's Certified Electronics Technician (CET) program, along with many others, is one of the most widely recognized certification programs in the industry.
- **ETA Industry Participation:** In order to maintain the highest and most up-to-date information on assessment programs, ETA officials participate in industry groups such as ICAC, ITC, NCC, NATE, CSC, Automation Federation and other voluntary partnerships and at military educator conferences.
- **Objectivity:** All ETA certifications measure competencies of persons, not products or vendors. ETA's programs are consistent with civil rights, anti-discrimination and fairness standards.
- **Quality Control:** Committees for each competency, made up of a demographically diverse group of ETA staff, educators, multiple national associations and subject matter experts (SME's), provide input for, review and update examinations at least annually to comply with electronic industry standards and best practices.
- **Feedback:** Educators, practitioners, students and employers have the opportunity to provide regular feedback (to discuss individual exam question wording, practicality or fairness) for added reliability, validity and consistency. Where any doubts exist, ETA consults individual C.E.T.s or other SME's to affirm the validity of the questions.
- **Accessibility:** ETA typically offers its certification exams on a demand basis rather than pre-scheduled dates for added convenience. ETA exams are available at more than 900 public and proprietary educational institutions, nonpermanent locations such as libraries, colleges and penal institutions, and at U.S. Military base education offices. We offer our electronics certification exams both paper/pencil and online for added convenience.
- **Portability:** ETA's certifications are personal and travel with the individual, regardless of his or her employment status change.
- **Cut Scores:** While most exam programs establish the cut score at 75% (as does the U.S. Government's FCC commercial exams programs), the industry establishes the difficulty of ETA exams to match the knowledge and skills requirements of workers, thus the cut scores.
- **Objective Grading:** ETA scores and processes all exams from its global database at its headquarters in Greencastle, Indiana. ETA does not weight its exams.
- **Hands-On:** Several of ETA's assessment programs, such as Line Sweeping (LAS) and Fiber Optics require, in addition to the knowledge exam, a practical, or hands-on test of specific skills needed to perform in the workplace.
- **Reasonable Fees:** Many recognize ETA's exam fee structure as among the most economical for examinees in the electronics industry, or any other industry. ETA offers a FREE retake policy that allows an examinee (after a 30 day wait period) to re-sit for the exam after obtaining additional knowledge. up to one year after testing at no additional charge.
- **Linkage to Jobs:** ETA certifications are widely recognized and frequently used in worker job selection, hiring process, pay increases and advancements. Whether you are looking for a new job or are ready to take the next step in your career, ETA's FREE Career Resource Center has what you need.
- **Ladder of Progression:** ETA provides a ladder for career advancement. Basic entry levels for Student and Associate Electronics; Journeyman, Senior and Master C.E.T.; Basic, Journeyman and Master Residential Electronics Systems Integrator (RESI); Fiber Optics Installer, Technician and Designer, or endorsements for specific disciplines have been designed into the programs when the need occurs.
- **Stand Alone Courses:** Although most students earn certification at the conclusion of an education course, with some programs including a hands-on component or skills documentation, ETA offers many stand-alone certifications that do not require a formal course of study or other training prerequisite.
- **Usefulness by Schools:** ETA programs are widely used by individual states to allow certified credits to students in secondary, post-secondary and commercial technical schools.
- **Privacy:** ETA does not divulge individual examination scores to employers, coworkers, or the examinee's instructor.
- **Percentage of Pass/Fails:** ETA exams are industry based, and thus ETA sets exam difficulty levels to match the specific industry segment, rather than to base it on mathematical formulae. We review and reassess the pass/fail percentage if interviews determine its necessity.
- **Study Guides:** ETA offers study material suggestions for all of its certifications. ETA produces its own study guides and courses for basic electronics and customer service soft skills.
- **Course Approval:** ETA provides experts to schools that require a 3rd party review of their electronics courses, either via mail or on site. ETA grants course approvals to schools in need of a third-party review.