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PRESS RELEASE

ETA Responds to Demand for New Communications Certification

ETA[®] International releases a new stand-alone certification and competencies for Mobile Communications and Electronics Installer (MCEI) in response to industry requests.

Greencastle, January 23, 2014: The ETA[®] Mobile Communications and Electronics Installation (MCEI) Certification program has been requested by industry leaders as the demand to bridge the skills gap and keep up with changing technology increases.

"ETA intends to lead the industry in providing the necessary certifications to insure that there are competent installers and technicians certified and available for working on vehicles and equipment in use today and tomorrow," said ETA President Teresa Maher.

Being an ETA-certified professional gives you a competitive edge in the truly exciting and rewarding mobile communications industry. The US Department of Labor predicts job growth in this industry at 7.5% yearly through 2022 with average annual earnings of \$ \$46,260.

The Mobile Communications and Electronics Installer (MCEI) certification includes basic knowledge concepts of land mobile radio (LMR) and associated electronics equipment installation. This also incorporates required skills applicable to all of the functions required to safely and completely install mobile communications and associated electronic equipment, including removal and reinstallation.

Technology in this field is evolving and advancing continuously, vehicle models are changing, and there are an ever increasing number of new products and versions of old products being added to the mobile installation marketplace.

"As vehicles become more complex, the skill set to install communications and electronic devices becomes increasingly demanding. An error can damage internal equipment and add thousands of dollars to the installation expense," Maher said, "but the MCEI certification insures the technician has acquired the necessary skills to avoid costly mistakes."

MCEI study guides will be available and updated on a regular basis along with the corresponding certification tests that reflect changes in the technology. In addition, the ETA website and Subject Matter Experts will provide a resource to industry and governmental agencies to insure that any problems that arise in the field can be resolved by competent installers, technicians and designers/engineers.

There are an additional two levels (2 and 3) of MCEI certification knowledge and ability which will involve more complex skills, experience, and troubleshooting. Level 2 installers will be expected to obtain knowledge in more complex installations, vehicle types, and troubleshooting techniques. Mobile Electronic Senior level 3 will be expected to have full knowledge of advanced vehicular communication systems installation techniques.

ETA represents the technology industry, from the technician and educator to the corporate institution. Widely known for electronics certification programs, ETA helps electronics technicians advance their knowledge and skills to excel in their fields, while connecting employers to qualified electronics professionals.

Learn how ETA certifies today's technicians in tomorrow's technologies and take advantage of the FREE Career Resource Center by visiting the ETA website at www.eta-i.org.

Since 1978, ETA has issued over 114,000 certifications to professionals found worldwide as consultants, contractors, technicians, installers, managers, and supervisors. ETA certifications are widely recognized and frequently used in worker job selection, hiring processes, pay increases, advancements, and often required as companies bid on contracts. ETA's certifications are personal and travel with the individual, regardless of employment or status change and measure competencies of persons, not products or vendors. All ETA certifications are accredited through the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) and align with the ISO-17024 standard.

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