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Power Limited Technician License Test Prep Class

We have been told that the State will start testing on the 2008 NEC codes effective September 1, 2008. If you are planning to take the license exam while the test is still on 2005 NEC codes, you should register to take the exam now. You may also want to consider taking our License Test Prep class. You will need the NEC 2005 Code Book as well as Mike Holt's "Understanding Low Voltage and Power-Limited Systems" book based on the 2005 National Electrical Code. If you don't already have these books, you may purchase them from our JATC. The NEC 2005 Code Book is \$48.00 and the Mike Holt book is \$44.00. Please note, this will be the last class we will be offering for the Power Limited Technician License test prep using the 2005 NEC codes.

Fridley - only *These classes are Wed/Thurs evenings*
4 evenings - May 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2008
4 evenings - July 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2008

REGISTER EARLY and let us know if you need books! We are limiting the number of people for this class. Register by calling our office at 763-571-5922 or through our website at www.statewidelea.org.

NICET Test Prep Class

We will be holding a 16 hour NICET Certification Test Prep Class at our Fridley location. This class will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings as follows:

Fridley:
August 19, 21, 26, 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This class is for people who want to prepare themselves to achieve NICET Certification.

Although there is no classroom fee, you will be required to have an NFPA 72 Code Book, 2002 edition (\$48), NEC Book, 2005 edition (\$48), and the NJATC's Guide to Fire Alarm Systems (\$44). *Anyone wishing to purchase any of these books must let us know when registering for class.*

If you are interested in participating in this class, please register as soon as possible as classroom space will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Class will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum number of 10 people registered. Call our office at 763-571-5922 or register through our website at www.statewidelea.org.

The Answer Box

Please keep asking questions. Remember, the question you ask is probably something that someone else is wondering.

Question: I sent my Unlicensed Registration form to the State of Minnesota along with my payment of the \$15 registration fee. I haven't heard anything back from the State yet. Can I assume I am registered?



Answer: NO! If you are actually registered, you will receive 2 copies of your registration card. One of these should be carried with you at all times while working. If you haven't received your card, you are probably not registered. Call to find out what you need to do to get another copy of your card. Their main number is 651-284-5064. If you registered, your cards were mailed to the same address you listed on your registration form.

Question: My Power Limited Technician License expires in December 2009. How many hours of Code and how many Technical hours of continuing education do I need to have to renew?

Answer: Through 2009 the continuing education requirements are 2 hours Code and 6 hours Technical for a total of 8 hours. Anyone with a renewal date of January 1, 2010 or later will need a total of 16 hours continuing education training. The breakdown has not yet been determined. The State will not be making the determination on the breakdown between Code and Technical until December 2008.

Question: I am trying to renew my Power Limited Technician License with the State. I know that I've already taken the code portion at the JATC but I couldn't make it to the 2nd evening class. My letter from the State says that I need 8 hours. What happened to the credit I should already have?

Answer: We have recently been informed that the State of Minnesota will no longer accept partial credit classes. If you are signed up for an 8 hour course and do not complete the full 8 hours, you will not receive ANY credit for that class. It doesn't matter if you only need "some" code or "some" technical.

If a class is registered with the State as an 8 hour class, you must attend the full 8 hours to receive any credit toward the continuing education requirement for your Power Limited Technician License renewal.

Please visit us at: www.statewidelea.org

PLT License Continuing Education Classes

These classes are specifically designed for people who have their Power Limited Technician License and need to obtain the required continuing education credits for renewal. Our classes are approved by the State for total of 8 hours each and contain at least 2 hours of NEC Code. If you are employed by a contractor signatory to the Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Agreement, you can register for continuing education classes with no classroom fee.

Other license holders can also register for this training. However, there is a \$100 fee for anyone not employed by a contractor signatory to the Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Agreement. This includes any IBEW member who is employed under a "stand-alone" collective bargaining agreement.

Continuing Education Class Schedule:

Fridley

Basic Fire Alarm	May 17, 2008
Basic Paging Systems	May 28 & 29, 2008
Local Area Networks	June 9 & 10, 2008
Understanding PL Systems	June 18 & 19, 2008
Fiber Optics	June 28, 2008
Residential Audio/Video	July 14 & 15, 2008
Basic Security Systems	July 16 & 17, 2008
Basic Card Access	July 26, 2008
Basic CCTV	Aug. 5 & 7, 2008
Basic Paging Systems	Aug. 16, 2008
Basic Fire Alarms	Aug. 19 & 21, 2008

Classes with two dates listed are on weekday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on BOTH evenings. Classes with one date listed are Saturday classes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. NEC code book, hard hat and safety glasses are needed for these classes.

You can register for any class at www.statewidelea.org or you may call our office at 763-571-5922. Please remember, we need a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 25 students for any class.

Although you may be tempted to take a continuing education class in an area you already know, you will learn more and get more out of the class if you sign up for something that does not include what you do on your daily job. **Challenge yourself!**

Computer Fundamentals Class

We have had a number of people express interest in attending a basic computer fundamentals class. Because of these requests, we are making this class available.

Computer fundamentals is an *introduction to computers* and will be taught at our Fridley location on August 18 & 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. both evenings.

No books are required for this class. Please note, this class is for your benefit. It is not a course that is registered with the State of Minnesota for continuing education credits toward license renewal. Knowledge is power. Computer skills are a requirement for progression under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. This may be just what you need.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please register as soon as possible as classroom space will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Class will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum number of 10 people registered. Call our office at 763-571-5922 or register through our website at www.statewidelea.org.



From Sam's Desk

The school year just ended for our Installer apprentices with 64 successfully completing their 3rd year classroom instruction.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of these graduates in being the first class to complete their 3 years of classroom training since the new curriculum was introduced.

I will be updating continuing education classes with the State over the summer reflecting the 2008 NEC code. I will also be submitting relevant technical classes to BiCSi so you can receive BiCSi continuing education credit if you have your BiCSi certification.

BiCSi has restructured their installer classifications. Installer I and II are now Installer Copper and Installer Fiber. The classes we are developing will be written accordingly to provide credit for the appropriate classification.

If you are interested in receiving training that we do not currently offer, please contact our office. We would like to hear from you.

Please note: The only classes available to the general public are the 8 hour continuing education classes used as continuing education credit for Power Limited Technician License renewal. Non-signatory participants in these classes are required to pay \$100 tuition to attend. *NICET Prep, Power Limited Technician License Prep, and apprenticeship classes are NOT available to the general public.*