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# **PLT License Test Prep Class**

As we are ending 2019, the State is preparing to revise the Power Limited Technician license exam in preparation for the 2020 revisions to the National Electrical Code. You may want to apply to take the license exam and test before this process is complete. You can apply online through the State's website of <a href="https://www.dli.mn.gov">www.dli.mn.gov</a>. Make sure you attach all the appropriate documentation needed for approval.

Once you have been *approved by the State to take the license exam*, you have a maximum of 1 year to test. If you don't test within that timeframe, you will need to reapply and receive approval again.

<u>If you have been approved to test</u>, we encourage you to take our license test prep class. For the best test results, you should schedule your test within 3 weeks after completing our course.

The fee for this course is \$125.00. You will need a NEC 2017 Code Book. You are not required to purchase this book from us, but you will need it for class. The cost for this book is \$95 if you purchase it from us.

Class will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 16, 18, 23,25, 30 and April 1. This is a 24 hour class with homework assignments. To get the most out of this class, plan to attend all dates.

Come to class prepared, approved by the State to take the license exam, alert and ready to learn. REGISTER EARLY and let us know if you need a Code book!

This class is not open to the general public



## Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season

May the new year be filled with good health, family and great friends!

### **Question and Answer Box**

**Question**: I'm thinking about switching unions. Can I come to the JATC and fill out whatever paperwork you need for me to switch?



**Answer**: No. Which IBEW Local Union you belong to is not an apprenticeship issue. That is something that needs to be handled by your current union. Call or go into your current IBEW Local Union office to determine what you need to do.

**Question**: I'm signed up for a two evening continuing education class, but I can only make it to the 1<sup>st</sup> one. Can I take the rest of that class when you have it again?

**Answer**: No. The State does not grant partial credit for a class. You must take the entire class on the dates specified. If you are in class for the first evening, your time cannot carry over to the next time that class is taught. You will have to take a full 8 hour class to get any credit.

# **Unlicensed Registration Continuing Education Classes**

Unlicensed Registration renewal requires you to complete a minimum of 2 hours NEC continuing education before your renewal will be processed. The following is a list of dates that meet this requirement.

**Fridley** (from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

January 21<sup>st</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup>

February 11<sup>th</sup> April 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **Duluth & Rochester**

Scheduled upon request

### **Safe Ride Home**

Please remember to keep you holiday season safe for you, your family and friends. If you are going to be drinking, please don't drive or ride with someone who is impaired. Arrange for a sober driver or call a sober cab. They have drivers that can take both you and your vehicle home safely.

## From Dave's Desk



We often have people calling to sign up for a continuing education class just before their Power Limited Technician license is scheduled to expire.

Please make sure you are completing your continuing education classes long before the expiration date of your license.

There may be times when an Instructor has an issue and is unable to teach a scheduled class, inclement weather or your work schedule may be preventing you from attending, the class may be canceled because we don't have enough people registered to hold a class. Any of these things can be a problem for you if you are holding off on taking a class.

We do make every effort to have a diverse schedule of classes available for you. Please make sure you complete the sign-in for class attendance with the instructor. If you don't register your attendance as required, we are unable to process your attendance when we report course completion with the State of Minnesota. We do submit your course completion to the State the day after completion of the course.

We always welcome your suggestions on classes you would like us to teach in the future. Please email your suggestions to me at <a href="mailto:ddressler@statewidelea.org">ddressler@statewidelea.org</a>.

# Revising Continuing Education Classes

Every three years, the National Electrical Codes are revised and updated. As a result, we find it necessary to update our classes as well.

We are currently in the process of updating our classes to include the 2020 electrical code revisions. We will also be submitting a couple of new courses to the State for approval. If you have any suggestions, please call or send them directly to our Training Director, Dave Dressler at ddressler@statewidelea.org.

We will also be submitting our request to BICSI to have classes approved for BICSI continuing education credit. In the meantime, if you need BICSI credit for a class not already approved, just ask us for the course outline. You may be able to get credit by submitting this outline along with your course completion certificate.

# PLT License Continuing Education Classes

Classes listed below are approved for license renewal continuing education credits. Class eligibility and fees are posted on our website at <a href="https://www.statewidelea.org">www.statewidelea.org</a>.

Several of our 8 hour classes have been approved for you to receive BICSI continuing education credit in addition to credit for PLT license renewal. They are noted below showing the number of BICSI hours they have been approved for.

#### **Continuing Education 8 hour Class Schedule:**

#### **Fridley**

Evening class from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. When registering for evening classes, you only need to register for the 1<sup>st</sup> date. You will automatically be registered for the second half of the class.

Fire Alarm (7 BICSI)	Jan 21st & 22nd
Security Systems	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>
Fiber Optics (7 BICSI)	Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
Access Control (7 BICSI)	Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Paging Systems	Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>
Code for Limited Energy (8 BICSI)	April 6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
Fiber Optics (7 BICSI)	Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
Access Control (7 BICSI)	Apr 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>

Weekday Dayclass from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:Security SystemsJanuary 28thPaging SystemsFebruary 4thCode for Limited Energy (8 BICSI)March 10thAccess Control (7 BICSI)April 7th

Saturdayclass from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:Access Control (7 BICSI)January 18thRaceway InstallationJan 25thCode for Limited Energy (8 BICSI)Feb 29thRaceway InstallationMar 14thSecurity SystemsApr 4th

#### **Rochester**

These classes are on Saturday and Sunday in February and they have BICSI credits.

Code for Limited Energy (8 BICSI) Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Access Control (7 BICSI) Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Duluth**

Scheduled upon request

The State will not grant you credit for taking the same 8 hour class twice within the same renewal period. Keep this in mind when registering.