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NWSA Announces Dates, Locations for Fall 2020 Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops

Tennessee and Utah Workshops to Provide Opportunity for Participants to Obtain NWSA Accreditation to Administer Field-Based Practical Exams

(Fairfax, Virginia) - The National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) is encouraging industry employers, trainers and workers to register for the upcoming **Telecommunications Tower Technician Practical Examiner Accreditation Program (PEAP) Workshops** scheduled for **September 29-October 1, 2020 in Nashville, Tennessee,** hosted by Comstar and **October 13-15, 2020 in Salt Lake City, Utah,** hosted by Petzl America.



NWSA-accredited Practical Examiners are NWSA-certified personnel who have been trained and authorized by NWSA to administer the practical examinations for NWSA certification programs. In order to become an NWSA- accredited Practical Examiner, you must:

- ... Be certified by NWSA in both certification designations (TTT-1 and TTT-2);
- ... Have three (3) years of industry-related experience;
- ... Attend a NWSA Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop, during which your performance as a Practical Examiner will be observed and evaluated;
- ... Pass a Practical Examiner Accreditation Program (PEAP) Workshop written exam testing your knowledge of the role of the Practical Examiner and the test administration process;
- ... Pass the practical exam(s) in the presence of an NWSA representative (even if currently certified); and
- ... Have a direct email address to receive email notifications from NWSA (this may not be a shared address).

Individuals interested in participating are encouraged to complete the NWSA PEAP Workshop application <u>HERE</u> and return it to NWSA via email to <u>jeniel.shaw@nws-a.org</u>. The deadline to register for a workshop is two weeks prior to the first day of the scheduled event.

NWSA reviews all potential participants' applications before admission to the workshop is granted. All applications must include payment and the submission of a resume or will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. Each workshop is strictly limited to eight (8) participants and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Our network of NWSA Practical Examiners certified to help administer our ANSI-accredited, professional worker trade certification programs continues to grow across the country due to these PEAP workshop offerings. NWSA appreciates Comstar and Petzl America for their leadership in hosting these workshops," said Executive Director Duane MacEntee.

Companies interested in hosting a future PEAP Workshop at their facility are encouraged to complete the host application <u>HERE</u> and submit the form via e-mail to <u>jeniel.shaw@nws-a.org</u>.

Industry workers, companies and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the NWSA website at <u>www.nws-a.org</u> to learn more about the organization and how to begin the process of obtaining certification.

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About National Wireless Safety Alliance

NWSA, headquartered in Fairfax, VA, is a national non-profit assessment and certification organization established to provide thorough, independent assessments of knowledge and skills and verifiable worker certification in order to enhance safety, reduce workplace risk, improve quality, encourage training, and recognize the skilled professionals who work on towers and other non-standard communication structures.