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## NARTE CHANGES TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEVEL NAMES

NARTE, the premiere professional credential certification organization, has assigned new categories to its Telecommunications Certifications. This is the first realignment of level designations since the program began in 1982.

NARTE is a worldwide, non-profit, professional telecommunications association which certifies qualified engineers and technicians in the fields of Telecommunications, Electromagnetic Compatibility/Interference (EMC/EMI), Electrostatic Discharge control (ESD) and Wireless Systems Installation. NARTE also administers FCC Commercial Operator License Exams (see FCC Testing) NARTE is accredited by the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) and is recognized world wide as a standard of excellence.

The level changes are meant to increase comprehension and recognition of NARTE's certification levels by both the industry and the public at large. The new level names will serve NARTE's long-term plan of promoting NARTE awareness, relevance and prestige

| Current Level Name          | New Level Name    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Telecom Engineer Class 1    | Master Engineer   |
| Telecom Engineer Class 2    | Senior Engineer   |
| Telecom Engineer Class 3    | Junior Engineer   |
| Telecom Technician Class 1  | Master Technician |
| Telecom Technician Class 2  | Senior Technician |
| *Telecom Technician Class 3 | Junior Technician |
| *Telecom Technician Class 4 | Junior Technician |

Note: Technician Classes 3 and 4 will merge to form the new Junior level technician. As of 1 August 2003, requirements for the Junior Technician will be the former Technician Class 3 requirements.

Candidates are evaluated by verifiable measures including, as appropriate, examination, experiential and educational background and reputation for unquestioned competency within their specified expertise. NARTE develops certification criteria, testing tools and study materials that accommodate the evolution of the telecommunications industry.

NARTE equates experience with competence so that practitioners can migrate to higher level designations through continued successful professional practice.