



I.A.T.S.E. ENTERTAINMENT AND EXHIBITION INDUSTRIES TRAINING TRUST FUND

To: All IATSE Locals

Re: ETCP Arena & Theatre Rigging and Entertainment Electrician Certification & Recertification

Locals should be aware that the Trustees of the IATSE Entertainment and Exhibition Industries Training Trust Fund have initiated a program to offer re-imbursement to successful candidates for ETCP Certifications or Recertifications. The IA Training Trust's "ETCP Certification/Recertification Reimbursement Program" provides reimbursement opportunities for those successfully completing certifications in Stage Rigging, Arena Rigging or Entertainment Electrician. The current Program calls for a maximum reimbursement of 100 certifications per calendar year, total, for all IATSE locals. This maximum will be reviewed at a later date. Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted using the "Student Reimbursement Request" form available on-line. The form may be submitted electronically or by mailing a hard copy to the IA Training Trust.

NEW CERTIFICATIONS

The Trustees have approved reimbursement of up to \$300 for the successful completion of any new ETCP Arena or Theatre rigging certifications, or new Entertainment Electrician certification. Reimbursement requires proof of certification and payment of examination fees.

RECERTIFICATIONS

As you are all aware, ETCP certifications must be renewed every five years. To maintain the ETCP certification, an entertainment rigger or electrician must accumulate a total of 40 renewal credits, at least 10 of which must be for continued training / professional development. In addition, a \$250.00 recertification fee must be paid to ETCP. An alternative to acquiring 40 renewal hours is to take a 10 hour approved course and then re-take the certification examination. The \$250.00 recertification fee still applies.

The IATSE Training Trust Fund has approved a reimbursement of \$250 per recertification for Arena or Theatre ETCP-certified riggers, and ETCP certified Entertainment Electricians. Please be aware that the reimbursement is for the recertification itself, meaning reimbursement can be paid only when a recertification is successfully achieved. This means that \$500 will be paid for any member who successfully re-acquires both Arena and Stage recertifications.

10 HOUR COURSES

Locals can apply to the IA Training Trust for assistance in presenting a recognized course that qualifies a rigger or electrician with the renewal credits necessary when combined with retaking the certification examination for Recertification. Such requests are determined on a case-by-case basis. The Training Trust will give priority to locals that have IA Training Trust contribution language in their collective agreements. All requests are subject to the approval of the Trustees. A "Local Union Training Request Application" form is available for electronic submission to the Training Trust.

This is a one-day course with a value of 10 points, per area of certification. This course assumes that the participants have accumulated the other required 30 points for the work experience component of recertification, or they intend to retake the certification examination. If you wish to research the certifications and expiration dates for members of your Local, please refer to the ETCP website: <http://etcp.plasa.org/>.

The IATSE Entertainment and Exhibition Industries Training Trust Fund exists for Locals and their members to remain at the forefront of training and technology.

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