



A NATE Success Story

NATE certification might just increase your income! When NATE-certified technician John Jeffries relocated from Nebraska to Washington, he began searching for a new position, wanting to stay within the HVAC industry.

John wisely included his NATE certification on his resume. *Gemini Controls and Mechanical Service* called him and requested a copy of his NATE exam scores. Upon receiving John's scores, the company offered John a job at a significantly higher salary than he had been earning in his previous position!

According to John's new supervisor, Art Nelson, NATE certification was an important part of the application selection process.

"Certification is an objective way of documenting someone's knowledge of the industry," Art said.

If you think taking the NATE test doesn't pay off, you may want to reconsider!

Don't take chances with your future-- become NATE-certified and expand your professional horizon!

Prove You're the Best. Take the NATE Test!

Take the NATE Certification Test
July 12, 2007
at SBE Training Center

What is going on?

The North American Technician Excellence (NATE) certification tests (a core and a specialty) for HVAC installation and service technicians are being administered in your area.

Who should take the test?

Any HVAC installation or service technicians who want to demonstrate their skills and proficiency!

Why should I take the NATE test?

Because it benefits *you!* Certification means:

- Independent verification of your knowledge and skill
- Increased marketability for technicians and contractors
- The road to better compensation
- Greater job security
- Greater respect from customers and co-workers because 87% of consumers want certified technicians

The biggest names in the HVAC industry support NATE and agreed that it is the industry standard of technician knowledge.

More than 10,000 HVAC technicians around the country are NATE-certified. Why don't you join them? Want to succeed? Want respect? Want to get ahead? Want to show you're the best? All you need is your knowledge and the desire to be certified as the best there is in the HVAC industry—by *the* national, independent certification body for HVAC technician excellence.

It's easy! Just fill out the registration form enclosed. *You* decide what product sectors you want to earn certification in, and what technician type.

Your registration must be received by

→ June 29, 2007 ←

Test details:

Test Date: July 12, 2007

Test Time: Begins 9:00 AM

Arrive at least 15 minutes early to check in

Test Location:

SBE Training Center

2985 Innsbruck Drive

Redding, CA 96003

Phone (530) 222-1917

Fax (530) 222-1918



Exam Registration Information



Step 1 - Tell Us About Yourself

Be sure to include a daytime telephone number so we can call you if we have questions.

Step 2 - Tell Us About Your Employer

Step 3 - What Testing Session Are You Registering For? Please give day, month and year.

Step 4 - Is This Your First Time Taking a NATE Exam?

To achieve certification, you must take and pass both the Core exam and a Specialty exam. If this is your first time taking a NATE Air Conditioning Excellence HVAC exam, you should register for the Core exam and a Specialty exam of your choice.

Step 5 - Do You Need to Take the Core Exam? Once you have passed the Core exam, you do not need to take it again. Please register for the Core exam if this is your first time taking a NATE Air Conditioning Excellence HVAC exam OR you did not pass the Core exam on a prior attempt.

Step 6 - What Specialty Do You Want To Earn Certification In?

Choose the specialty that matches the equipment and systems you work on, and for which you want to earn certification. Technicians who achieve certification in Heat Pumps are automatically considered certified in Air Conditioning and may order those credentials for a small additional fee.

Step 7 - What Kind of Technician Are You? Check the box for the technician type that best describes you. Check only one box. Service technicians are automatically certified as Installation technicians and may order those credentials for a small additional fee.

Step 8 - Payment & Fees

Your total fee is determined by how many exams you are registering for. Payment is due with this form. Please submit by the due date noted.

How Many Certifications Should I Attempt At Once?

The decision as to how many certifications to attempt is up to the individual technician. NATE recommends that the first time you sit for certification, you should register for the Core exam and ONE Specialty exam. Then, when you wish to earn additional certifications, you will have a better sense of how much time it takes you to complete each exam. Remember, each test session lasts four hours. If you attempt to earn more than one credential in a single test session, and are unable to complete all of the exams, you are not eligible for a refund.

What If I Need to Cancel? Candidates canceling less than 14 days prior to the testing session forfeit 10% of the total fee.

Important Disclaimer

NATE reserves the right to cancel any test score, bar participating in the NATE program, or revoke the certification if NATE has any reason to question the validity of a test score, suspect misconduct at the test center, or suspect the reporting of fraudulent information on the *Registration Form*.

TECHNICIAN TYPES

INSTALLATION TECHNICIAN

Primarily prepares the installation site (including removal of existing HVAC equipment), fabricates connections and assembles systems as specified in the installation instructions. Must be able to properly power up and set control positions to cycle equipment through primary heating, cooling and blower operation under on-site or off-site supervision of a service technician of applicable specialty. Installation technician takes HVAC specialized readings, such as temperatures, refrigerant circuit pressure and basic VOM electrical readings, with both operating and non-operating equipment, as required by others.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Must be able to accomplish same tasks as an Installation technician, as well as be able to independently power up and adjust control settings to cycle equipment through all designed-for sequences. Must be able to acquire, evaluate and interpret such readings as may be necessary to determine the adequacy of, and qualify as acceptable, system operation to meet specifications. Service technician must be able to perform sufficient field diagnostic procedures as necessary to determine causes of inadequate performance and identify corrective actions as needed.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

There are no education or experience requirements to become certified, but at least one year of experience is recommended for Installation certification; two, for Service certification. If you have less; you should have passed the Industry Competency Exam. If you are certified as a Service Technician, you are automatically certified as an Installation Technician. NATE complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Rehabilitation Act of 1990. The test is voluntary and open to all technicians in the HVAC/R industry.

EXAM DESCRIPTIONS

Core Exam – 50 Questions

Covers fundamentals of: 1) Electricity; 2) Heat Transfer and Total Comfort; and 3) Safety & Customer Service.

Specialty Exam – 100 Questions

Covers: 1) Installation; 2) Service 3) System Components; and 4) Applied Knowledge, Regulations, Codes, and Design Factors.

- **Residential & Light Commercial Air Conditioning**

Split or package, air to air, hermetic compression

- **Residential & Light Commercial Air Distribution**

Static pressure of one inch or less

- **Residential & Light Commercial Heat Pumps**

Split or package, air to air, hermetic compressor driven

- **Residential & Light Commercial Gas Heating**

All gas-fired, warm-air heating systems

- **Residential & Light Commercial Oil Heating**

All oil-fired, warm-air heating systems

For questions about this information, please call NATE toll-free at 877-420-NATE (6283) or email aboskovich@natex.org.



North American Technician Excellence
Air Conditioning Excellence
Residential/Light Commercial HVAC Exams



About You

 Last Name First Name Middle Initial

 Daytime Telephone Number Email Address

 Mailing Address (street, apt. number)

 City State/Prov. Zip/Postal

About Your Employer

 Company Name

 Daytime Telephone Number Fax

 Mailing Address

 City State/Prov Zip/Postal

Test Session Date & Location:

Test Date: July, 12 2007

Start Time: 9:00 AM (Arrive 15 minutes early)

Exam Information

Please mark each exam for which you are registering. See reverse for more information.

- Core Exam
- Air Conditioning Specialty
- Air Distribution Specialty
- Gas Heating Specialty
- Heat Pump Specialty
- Oil Heating Specialty

Technician Information

Please mark ONE technician type. See reverse for more information.

- Installation Service

Passing Core and at least one Specialty exam is necessary for certification. The exam session lasts four hours, which is adequate time to take a Core and one Specialty exam.

Fees and Payment

Test fees are determined by how many exams you register for.

- Core Exam @ \$125.00 each \$_____
- Specialty Exam(s) @ \$140.00 each _____

TOTAL FEES DUE: \$_____

Method of Payment

- Check or money order

Payable to Shasta Builders' Exchange Training Center

 Authorized Signature - Please bill my SBE Account - SBE Members ONLY!

 Please print name of registrant

Authorization: By signing and sending in this form, I accept the terms described herein.

 Signature of Registrant

 Date

Send form and fees to:
 Shasta Builders' Exchange Training Center
 2985 Innsbruck Drive
 Redding, CA 96003
 OR Fax to (530) 222-1918
 ATTN: Cindy

DUE BY: June 29, 2007