

## Product Safety (continued)

safety certification. Recognizing this, NARTE provides a period for qualification for certification by eminence.

What that string of adjectives means is that a practitioner, with more than the minimum education, work experience and peer endorsement can be certified without examination.

This provision states that those persons who apply to NARTE and meet the requirements for product safety engineer or product safety technician will be eligible for certification without examination, provided they apply prior to August 31, 2004.

### Grandfathering Period Closing Soon

NARTE Product Safety certification for engineers and technicians is in the sixth month of its 12-month grandfather period. NARTE initiated the certification in product safety for engineers and technicians during August of 2003.

The period for current practitioners to qualify by eminence (thus avoiding the examination) ends August 31, 2004. It is very important to have one's application postmarked by August 31, 2004 to grandfather.

An application package appears on the NARTE web site at: <http://www.narte.org>.

### Consultants' References

Consultants have raised a ques-

tion about supervisory references for their applications. Consultants do not have supervisors, they have clients. Consultants seem to be reluctant to ask their clients to fill out a reference form just because it also uncovers a vulnerability and

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*"All Those submitting Product Safety applications postmarked after the Grandfathering period ends on August 31, 2004, will have to take and pass the Product Safety Examination."*

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what consultant wants to tell his client that there are things he does not know?

Here's the thing. NARTE wants expressions of confidence in the candidate's abilities from people who know their work. Most people or organizations hire consultants because they do not have the desired capability in house. If the candidate does not have a solid capability, we are not real crazy about hearing from their clients either.

A consultant should simply no-


tify the certification committee (by annotating their application) that they do not have a supervisor and indicate their relationship to the people whom that have asked to act as references. The certification committee can then make a judgment on the responses provided.

A consultant should not be reluctant to apply for certification just because they do not have a supervisor. It has to mean something that you do not have to be closely monitored in the performance of your job.

### Getting the Word Out

With time, employers will be asking applicants and contractors if they are NARTE certified. It will become one of the discriminators used to sort out the well meaning from the well qualified. The most difficult part of starting any new certification is catching the eye of current practitioners. We are trying hard to get the word out but you can help.

If you know of anyone in the product safety field, tell them about this article. Tell them about the grandfather period and encourage them to go to the NARTE web site ([www.narte.org](http://www.narte.org)) and download the application package.

It may be the most important career move they ever make. 

## NARTE Proposes FCC Adopt New "Professional Installer" Definition

**N**ARTE submitted comments in response to the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on the definition of "Professional Installer" under section 15.203. The Commission does not have a definition of Professional Installer. NARTE suggested that the Commission adopt the following definition to describe a Professional Installer and place this definition in section 2.1 or 15.3 of the FCC rules to describe a professional installer

*"Professional Installer: An individual that has been thoroughly trained either through in-house training, by the manufacturer of the equipment, or by a 3rd party and*

*is technically qualified to perform one or more of the following tasks; the site survey, the system installation design, installation and configuration, the field modification and upgrades, or repair and service of the Part 15 wireless equipment that requires professional installation to fulfill the requirements of a professional installer as required per Part 15.203."*

Copies of comments from NARTE and other organizations can be found at the FCC web site ([www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov)) by using their internal search engine and entering ET Docket No. 03-201. 