

Article III Membership Classifications

SECTION 1. NETA Accredited Company

A. Requirements

1. Active membership shall be limited to any firm, company, or corporation in the electrical testing industry which conducts true and factual evaluations of the electrical products, devices, or systems to be tested providing the following qualifications are met:
 - a. They shall be regularly engaged in the technical testing, maintenance, and repair of electrical materials, devices, appliances, electrical installations, any systems for the purpose of preventing injury to persons or damage to property and other equipment. This type of business shall constitute 75 percent of the firm's revenue.
 - b. It has sufficient breadth of interest or activity so that the loss or award of a specific contract to determine the compliance of a product with the applicable test standard would not be a substantial factor in the financial well-being of the organization or laboratory. At least ninety-five percent (95%) of the organization's testing business shall be for entities other than a parent or holding company or special interests having part or whole ownership or influence of the testing organization.
 - c. They shall be engaged in such practice for a minimum of two (2) years.
 - d. They must have a minimum of one (1) Registered Professional Engineer, with a discipline in electrical engineering, experienced in and responsible for all phases of testing and maintaining electrical power systems including short circuit analysis, protection coordination studies, and the evaluation of test and maintenance data.
 - (1) Any company with fewer than twelve (12) test technicians may meet the Registered Professional Engineer requirement by contracting with a Registered Professional Engineer. The contract must include a provision that in the event the contract is terminated immediate notice must be emailed or mailed to the Executive Director of the Association.
 - (2) Any company which employs twelve (12) or more test technicians for twelve (12) consecutive months must employ a full time Registered Professional Engineer.

- e. They must agree to perform all work according to the guidelines of the Association. However, job specifications shall take precedence over Association guidelines.
- f. They shall operate from an established office location from which business is transacted and at which test equipment, vehicles, materials and other supplies may be routinely stored and such other branch offices as they deem necessary and appropriate. They shall identify to members of the general public the name and character of their business at each office location and branch office, by an appropriate sign, marker or other means of identification displayed on either the exterior or interior of such office location.
- g. They shall be corporately and financially independent testing organizations which can function as unbiased testing authorities professionally independent of the manufacturers, contractors, consulting firms, producers, suppliers, vendors, or installers of equipment or systems evaluated by the testing organization. Written evidence of the independence of an applicant for NETA membership must be presented to substantiate the applicant's objectivity and procedures for avoidance of any conflict of interest.
- h. They shall have two (2) or twenty-five percent (25%) (whichever is greater) of their technicians/field testing personnel approved as NETA Certified Technicians/Level 3 or 4 after meeting all other membership qualifications and before being accepted as an accredited company.
- i. They shall maintain a minimum of (2) or twenty-five percent (25%) (whichever is greater) of their technicians/field testing personnel as NETA Certified Technicians Level 3 or 4
- j. Further clarification of the criteria for accreditation and the terms used herein are defined in the applicable NETA policy statements.

B. Annual Dues

Annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors, subject to review and approval by a majority vote of the membership.