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## **NMEA Now Offers Marine Electronics Installer and NMEA 2000 Training Courses Online**

*Students unable to attend classroom sessions can earn technical certifications worldwide!*

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The National Marine Electronic Association's technical training courses are now available online at a cost of \$299 each. Student technicians taking the online sessions receive the same PowerPoint educational information and tests as those given in classroom sessions around the USA and Europe by NMEA instructors. Courses include Marine Electronics Installer (MEI), Advanced Marine Electronics Installer (AMEI) and NMEA 2000® training.

For information about the courses and to sign up, students can visit the NMEA website at [www.nmea.org](http://www.nmea.org) and click on Training and Certifications. Once they have paid the fee by credit card, students can begin the training session immediately or take the course at their leisure. The test, which includes 50 questions chosen randomly from a large pool of questions, concludes the online course. Questions include multiple choice, true/false and fill-in-the-blanks. To qualify for an MEI, AMEI or NMEA 2000 Certificate, students must earn a minimum passing grade of 80%. At the end of the session, students who pass will be issued a customized certificate and a detailed report of which questions they answered correctly and incorrectly. Additionally, passing students will be listed on the NMEA website depending on the course(s) taken.

Students who want to take the AMEI course must first successfully complete the MEI requirements. These candidates need to contact the NMEA main office at (410) 975-9425 or by email at [info@nmea.org](mailto:info@nmea.org) to confirm their MEI status and receive approval to take the AMEI curriculum and exam online.

NMEA members who pass the MEI or AMEI online courses will receive the 320-page NMEA 0400 Installation Standard free of charge. Non-members who pass the course can purchase the document for \$300.

“Making NMEA training courses available 24/7/365 for anyone to take online benefits students who want to become NMEA trained in regions of the US and abroad where NMEA does not offer classroom training,” says Mark Reedenauer, President & Executive Director of NMEA. “This really makes the 0400 Installation Standard a more internationally recognized document as people all over the world now have an avenue to get trained per the standard, which is entirely non-manufacturer specific. The 0400 Installation Standard, combined with NMEA online training and manufacturer-specific installation manuals, give yet another level of technical information for the manufacturer, installer, distributor, dealer, boat builder and retailer.”

### **About NMEA**

Founded in 1957, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol, NMEA 2000® and certification standards for marine electronics technicians. NMEA standards and programs focus on ensuring that the boating consumer is provided with reliable products and professional service. For more information, visit the NMEA website at [www.NMEA.org](http://www.NMEA.org) or call (410) 975-9425.