



ANSI Accreditation of CAMT Begins to Pay Off

NAAEI's recent accreditation of its Certificate of Apartment Maintenance Technician (CAMT) program by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may help to change the current property maintenance requirements of Jacksonville (Fla.)'s Construction Trades Qualifying Board (CTQB). Currently, in order for apartment maintenance technicians in Jacksonville to hold a Property Maintenance Craftsman License, they must sit for an exam that was developed using electrical, plumbing and HVAC textbooks. The information covered in the exam is extremely technical and above the level of knowledge that an apartment maintenance technician needs to know to perform their job well. As a result, only 50 percent of those who take the licensing exam pass it.

Peggy Queen, the Executive Vice President of the First Coast Apartment Association, recently met with the Executive Director of the CTQB and presented information about NAAEI's ANSI accredited CAMT certificate program. After reviewing the CAMT information, the Executive Director agreed to recommend that CAMT be used as the testing component for Jacksonville's Property Maintenance Craftsman License. The CTQB will meet Aug. 4 to vote on this recommendation.

In addition to her work in Jacksonville, Queen has been asked to present CAMT information to the Florida Construction Licensing Officials Association on Aug. 19. Other jurisdictions in Florida have or are considering property maintenance licenses and Queen will make them aware that the apartment industry has an ANSI accredited apartment maintenance certificate program that they may want to adopt as their property maintenance license standard. "I believe that CAMT's recent accreditation by ANSI was instrumental in the acceptance of CAMT as the testing component for the Property Maintenance Craftsman License," Queen said. "It assured the CTQB Executive Director and the consultant who developed the original exam that CAMT had the curriculum, testing and administrative rigor necessary for a licensing requirement."