



## MEF to certify Carrier Ethernet professionals

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The Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) is introducing a professional certification programme for individuals working with the Carrier Ethernet standard.

Kevin Vachon, the MEF's chief operating officer, said: "We believe this will help enable the growth of the industry."

The Forum already has a certification programme which verifies that equipment and service providers conform to its specifications. The professional certification carries this approach forward to individuals working with the wide-area version of the Ethernet standard.

The first qualification that the MEF will offer is for a Carrier Ethernet Certified Professional, which will apply to someone with the right level of knowledge to correctly represent the standard in pre-sales and sales situations. Within a year, according to Vachon, MEF wants to develop more technical qualifications, including for a Carrier Ethernet Certified Engineer, and a Carrier Ethernet Applications Specialist.

The MEF is currently authorising organisations to offer training courses that will prepare individuals to pass written exams covering Carrier Ethernet technology and service fundamentals from an applications perspective. If they pass the exams they will get a certificate and will be listed in a directory of MEF certified professionals, posted on the MEF and EthernetAcademy.net websites.

"With extensive Carrier Ethernet infrastructure now in place, the CECP program targets technical sales and marketing professionals that are key to monetising these assets with new services and accelerating growth in our industry," said Vachon.

The new programme should be available in the second quarter.

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