

Assessment Newsletter

GENERAL UPDATES

Technical skills assessments are given to **all** students who have completed a career and technical education (CTE) program **OR** are leaving a program and have completed more than half of the program (at least seven segments).

ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE CALLS

*The OCTE will no longer conduct Monthly Assessment Conference Calls. However, the Assessment Newsletter will continue to be published on a monthly basis and posted to the CTE Skills Assessments webpage [HERE](#). The Newsletter format will be comprehensive and contain information not only on assessment implementation, but also on assessment data collection and coordination procedures. So, it is important that the Newsletter is **read in its entirety**. If you have new assessment information that may be beneficial to all, please contact Valerie Felder at felderv@michigan.gov or at 517-335-1066 so that the information can be added to the Newsletter.*

PROGRAMS WITH REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS FOR 2017-18

- Automotive Repair Technician/Maintenance and Light Repair (47.0604)
- Business, Management and Administration (52.0299)
- Collision Repair Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0603)
- Drafting and Design Technology/Architectural (15.1301)
- Finance and Financial Management Services (52.0800)
- Health Science (26.0102, 51.0000, 51.1000, 51.0707)
- Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications (11.0901)
- Law and Public Safety (43.0100)
- Line Worker (46.0303)
- Medium/Heavy Truck Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0613)
- Welding, Brazing, and Soldering (48.0508)

NEWLY APPROVED ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS

- Drafting and Design Technology/Architectural (15.1301)
 - Autodesk Revit Certification
- Health Science (26.0102, 51.0000, 51.1000, 51.0707)
 - Emergency Medical Technician Certification

ASSESSMENT COMPLETION DATE

All assessment testing should be completed by Friday, May 19, 2017, for state reporting purposes. If an extension is needed, please contact Valerie Felder at her email address, felderv@michigan.gov, so that the exception can be noted.

TIP SHEETS

Informational Tip Sheets for each implemented assessment can be found on the CTE Skills Assessments page. Tip sheets for the newly approved alternative assessments will be posted in the coming months as more information becomes available. Please find the tip sheets [HERE](#).

While the Tip Sheet for the Autodesk Revit certification, an alternative to the required assessment in Drafting and Design Technology/Architectural (15.1301) is completed, the EMT certification tip sheet will not be ready right away. Once it is completed, the OCTE will notify the field.

Who Must Take the Assessments

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MARKETING ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THIS YEAR

The OCTE is in the early stages of the review and revision for the Marketing (52.1999) process and expect this review to continue throughout the 2017-2018 academic year. While the standards and assessment are under review, the Marketing Assessment (MBA Research Accelerated Marketing Exam) is suspended until further notice. For the current academic year and until further notice, students will achieve completer status in CTEIS for Added Cost Funding once they have completed all 12 segments in the marketing program with a grade 2.0 or better in each of the program courses.

ASE UPDATES – ASSESSMENT PRICING AND TESTING WINDOWS

Please see the following link on the ASE Student Certification with updates on

- Fall/Spring testing window
- Student assessment price increase of \$35

<http://www.asestudentcertification.com/>

UPDATED NOCTI WELDING ASSESSMENT

The OCTE has been notified by NOCTI that they have updated their Welding Assessment. The change was made early in September and a new Blueprint is posted for the test. The new test is 10 questions longer and includes an OPTIONAL practical portion. The practical portion is NOT required by the OCTE. Only the written portion is required.

ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION AND COORDINATION

NOCTI Updates

Quarterly Data Uploads

For the 2017-18 school year, PTD Technology will no longer extract student assessment data from CTEIS for students eligible to take the NOCTI assessments. However, there is a template being created that will allow programs to export data from CTEIS and import data into NOCTI's system. PTD technology is working on this template and when it is finalized, the template and instructions will be disseminated to the field on how to export data from CTEIS and import into NOCTI's system. Please note that if data is not exported from CTEIS and imported into NOCTI's systems, programs must ensure that accurate Student UICs are entered, otherwise, the OCTE will not be able to match student assessment data to the CTEIS system.

Year-End Extract

NOCTI will continue to provide the year-end extract to the OCTE. So, there **is no need** for programs to submit year-end data to the OCTE. The OCTE will receive student data directly from NOCTI.

Precision Exams

PTD Technology will continue to extract student assessment data from CTEIS for students eligible to take the Health assessment. Students must be enrolled in CTEIS course-sections by the following dates:

November 24, 2017

January 12, 2018

March 23, 2018

April 13, 2018

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Batch Uploads

There is currently an issue with importing student data into ASE's data template. This issue is being addressed and as soon as the OCTE has updates, we will inform the field.

Please contact Valerie Felder at felderv@michigan.gov or at 517-335-1066 if you questions/concerns.

ASE Batch Upload Tool

Please remember to use the Batch Upload Tool for the upload of required student level information to ASE. Submit the students' first names, last names and UIC in a simple Excel (or other) spreadsheet and subsequently import it into the ASE Student certification system. If an individual student's unique identity is certain (i.e. it doesn't already exist), that identity is established. Non-unique identities (matches or possible matches) must be resolved manually. For complete instructions, refer to the detailed instructions (with screen shots) found [HERE](#).

If you have information that you think would be beneficial to others, please contact:

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