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State offers resources that can help graduates with information on careers, in-demand skills

May 23, 2016 – As thousands of students prepare to graduate from high school and college, the Michigan Talent Investment Agency reminds them that information about careers and in-demand skills is available at their fingertips.

“Whether you’re entering the workforce or pursuing additional education after graduation, it’s important to understand the job markets of today and tomorrow,” said Stephanie Comai, director of the Talent Investment Agency. “Michigan is filled with great career opportunities, especially in the skilled trades, and employers are actively seeking the right talent. The state offers several outstanding resources that connect employers with job-seekers, outline the skills that are in high demand, and provide a glimpse of the wages associated with in-demand jobs. This is quality information that will serve people well, whether they are planning their career paths or making career adjustments.”

Resources include:

- Pure Michigan Talent Connect at www.mitalent.org. As the state’s official labor exchange, Pure Michigan Talent Connect lists more than 100,000 available jobs. Job-seekers can upload or build their resumes in the system, search job postings and learn about education requirements and skill development. There’s also a Just for You page with specialized information for recent graduates, older job-seekers and those who are changing careers. Other features include a page dedicated to the skilled trades and a section designed for veterans. There’s no cost to use the site.
- [Michigan’s Hot 50](#), a list of occupations most in demand, along with the projected number of job openings, the median hourly wage and the expected demand for each job through 2022. The analysis is prepared by Michigan’s [Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives](#).
- The bureau also lists [real-time labor demand snapshots](#) for each of Michigan’s 10 Prosperity Regions.

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