

School Licensing

The following information is provided to help prospective schools with State of Michigan school license requirements.

Most privately-operated organizations that offer non-degree occupational training for a fee or other consideration are legally required to be licensed as a proprietary school by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau (CSCL), Licensing Division.

Schools that prepare students to enter certain specialized occupations may be licensed or approved by a State of Michigan agency other than CSCL, or by both CSCL, and another State agency. If an area of study is not specifically listed below, then the Licensing Division is responsible for program approval and school licensing requirements.

Aeronautics

Licensed by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Office of Aeronautics. For information on Aeronautics schools and programs, log on to www.michigan.gov/mdot. Schools teaching aircraft mechanics, dispatchers and technicians are licensed by CSCL.

Asbestos and Lead Abatement

Licensed by LARA, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration. For information on Asbestos Abatement Training schools and programs, log on to www.michigan.gov/miolsha.

Licensed by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS). For information on Lead Abatement Training schools and programs, log on to www.michigan.gov/mdhhs.

Not required to hold a proprietary school license.

Barber and Cosmetology

The Bureau of Professional Licensing licenses Barber and Cosmetology schools and programs. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/barbers or www.michigan.gov/cosmetology.

Boiler Operator/Stationary Engineer

A proprietary school license is required for private schools offering boiler operator training programs to the public. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

A school proposing to offer programs in Low Pressure Boiler Operator, High Pressure Boiler Operator, 1st Class Stationary Engineer, 2nd Class Stationary Engineer, and/or 3rd Class Stationary Engineer must have approval as a Qualified Technical Education Program by the Bureau of Construction Codes, Boiler Division. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/bcc.

Electrical

A proprietary school license is required for private schools offering electrical apprenticeship training programs to the public. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

These schools must also have their electrical apprentice training programs approved by the Electrical Administrative Board (EAB). The EAB approved the Bureau of Construction Codes, Electrical Division recommendation to utilize the United States Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship (USDOLOA) for the registration of all approved electrical training programs. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/bcc.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

A proprietary school license is required for all private schools offering paramedic and EMS training programs to the public. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

Paramedic and EMS schools must have programs approved by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/ems.

1. All facilities offering Paramedic programs must be licensed as a proprietary school through LARA and have Paramedic program approval from MDHHS.

Exclusions: Hospitals licensed by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) under the Public Health Code, State of Michigan approved colleges, and secondary schools, adult education centers and vocational/technical schools that operate under the authority of the State Board of Education must have Paramedic program approval from MDHHS only.

2. All facilities offering any other type of EMS program must be licensed as a proprietary school through LARA and have EMS program approval from MDHHS.

Exclusions: Life support agencies and hospitals licensed by BCHS under the Public Health Code, State of Michigan approved colleges, and secondary schools, adult

education centers and vocational/technical schools that operate under the authority of the State Board of Education, must have EMS program approval from MDHHS only.

Fire Fighting

Licensed by LARA, Bureau of Fire Services (BFS). For information on firefighting training, log on to www.michigan.gov/bfs.

Not required to hold a proprietary school license.

Insurance

Licensed by Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS). For information on insurance training programs, log on to www.michigan.gov/difs.

Not required to hold a proprietary school license.

Nurse Aide

A proprietary school license is required for private schools offering nurse aide training programs to the public. This includes nurse aide training programs conducted by state licensed nursing homes if they provide training to anyone other than their own employees or employees of another state licensed nursing home. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

These schools must also have their individual programs approved by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems. For information on nurse aide programs, log on to www.michigan.gov/bchs.

Nursing

A proprietary school license is required for private schools offering nursing and licensed practical nurse training programs to the public. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

These schools must also have their individual programs approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/healthlicense.

Pesticide and Plant Pest Management

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) licenses all pesticide and plant pest management programs. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/mdard.

Private Security

A proprietary school license is required for private schools offering private security training programs to the public. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

Police training schools are approved by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/mcoles.

Real Estate

A proprietary school license is required for private schools offering prelicensure, agent, broker, or appraisal real estate training programs to the public. Some schools offering real estate appraisers continuing education may be required to hold a proprietary school license. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

These schools must also have their individual programs and instructors approved by BPL, Testing, Education & Program Services. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/bpl.

Residential Builders

A proprietary school license is required for private schools offering residential builders training programs to the public. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

These schools must also have their individual programs and instructors approved by the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC). For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/bcc.

Truck Driver

Truck driver training schools and programs are licensed by the Michigan Department of State. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/sos.

Utility Company Education

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) licenses Utility Company Education programs. Utility companies that provide education programs to their commercial customers on how to reduce energy costs as part of their Energy Optimization Plans approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) as required by 2008 PA 295 are exempt from licensing as a proprietary school. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/mpsc.

If a school / training provider / utility company expands outside of the scope of Michigan Public Service Commission approval, in terms of program offerings, or

audience e.g. offering courses to the general public, they would then be required to be licensed as a proprietary school. For further information, log on to www.michigan.gov/pss.

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