

State Approving Agency



The State Approving Agency (SAA) reviews, evaluates and approves quality programs of education and training under state and federal criteria. SAA staff also conduct on-site technical assistance and perform risk-based surveys to provide support, as well as oversight, to ensure approved institutions are operating within federal guidelines.

What is the SAA's scope?

Michigan has over 500 approved educational institutions, apprenticeship training and on-the-job training sites that offer education and training programs to military personnel, veterans and other eligible individuals.

The SAA's responsibilities, under the provisions of 38 United States Code (USC) Part III, Chapter 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), include:

- Inspection and evaluation of applicable facilities and/or courses of education.
- Evaluate and approve apprenticeship and on-the-job training facilities and/or training programs.
- Review licensure and certification exams offered in the State of Michigan.

SAA also ascertains whether a school/facility complies with the established standards relating to the programs/courses which have been approved.

Additional benefit for veterans

The SAA allows veterans and other eligible dependents to access their GI Bill® benefits while training at an approved facility.

NOTE: GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.



What is the application process for schools and employers?

School officials and employers seeking additional program approval requirements should visit the SAA website. A link to the site is available on the Veteran's Employment Services homepage, Michigan.gov/VES.

SAA staff works directly with schools and employers to approve, update and monitor approved programs at the following institution/facility types:

- Apprenticeship programs (USDOL-approved facilities)
- Colleges/Universities (degree granting schools)
- Licensing/Certification (allows for reimbursement of required national/state testing/exam fees)
- Non-degree granting schools (certificate-granting schools)
- On-the-job training (local employers with 6- to 24-month training programs)
- Vocational flight schools.

Where can you learn more about SAA?

If you would like more information about the Michigan State Approving Agency, please visit Michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/wd/panel-veterans/educ-and-trng/michigan-state-approving-agency-saa.