



Credential Tip Sheet: State of Michigan Mechanics Certification

Career Cluster: Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

CIP Code: 47.0604

CIP Program Name: Automotive Technician Maintenance Light Repair

Credentialing Agency: State of Michigan Secretary of State

Industry-recognized credential: State of Michigan Mechanics Certification

What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The State of Michigan Mechanic Certification Exam assesses engine repair, automatic transmissions, manual transmission, front and rear drive axles, front end, suspension and steering systems, brakes and braking systems, electrical systems, heating and air conditioning systems and engine tune up/performance. Teachers can learn more about the license requirements and obtain the informational kit and application on the [Michigan Secretary of State Mechanic Certification](#) webpage.



Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

There are no pre-requisites to take this exam. The Mechanics Certification is required for employment by automotive dealerships and automotive repair facilities.

Exam Information

The State of Michigan Mechanics Certification exam costs \$6.00 and includes 55 questions in an online platform. A minimum score of 65% is required to pass the exam at which point an additional fee is required to obtain the license. There is no wait time to re-take the exam. The certification for Brakes, Electrical, and Engine Performance is valid for five years. All others are a lifetime credential.

Note: ASE certification alone does not qualify you as a State certified mechanic in Michigan. However, you may be eligible to apply for State certification and transfer certain ASE categories to the mechanic application in lieu of taking state certification exams. Refer to the [ASE Information webpage](#) or call the Business Licensing Section at 1-888 SOS MICH (1-888-767-6424) for further information.

Who is eligible for the credential?

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam.

A PCC is a specific set of related CTE competencies based on standards from one CIP code that are grouped together. For Perkins V reporting, standardized courses will be termed "PCCs." (Source: [Perkins V FINAL Definitions: Course, Participant, Concentrator, Completer](#) memo)

Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31st of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



Contact Information

Credential and Testing Information

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