

Assessment

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WHO MUST TAKE THE ASSESSMENTS

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

General Updates

ASSESSMENT 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 certifications, Autodesk Certified User (ACU), and Emergency Medical Technician are now posted on the OCTE Skills Assessment Website. Please click here: [tip sheets](http://www.michigan.gov/octe) (www.michigan.gov/octe)

Emergency Medical Technician Certification/Assessment

Students must be 18 years of age to take the Emergency Medical Technical Certification. Students under the age of 18 may take the Emergency Medical Technical Assessment and apply for the Certification when they reach the age of 18. Please see the tip sheet for further details on the requirements to take the Certification/Assessment.

Marketing Assessment Suspended for 2017-18

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.

PROGRAMS WITH REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS FOR 2017-18

The complete implementation chart may be viewed on the CTE Skills Assessment [website](http://www.michigan.gov/octe). (www.michigan.gov/octe)

- Automobile Technician/Maintenance and Light Repair (47.0604)
- Business Administration Management and Operations (52.0299)
- Collision Repair Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0603)
- Drafting and Design Technology/Architectural (15.1301)
 - Alternative – Autodesk Certified User (ACU) Certification
- Finance and Financial Management Services (52.0800)
- Health Science (26.0102, 51.0000, 51.1000, 51.0707)
 - Alternative EMT Certification/Assessment
- Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications (11.0901)
 - Alternative IT Certifications
- Public Safety/Protective Services (43.0100)
 - Alternative Firefighter I & Firefighter II Certifications
- Line Worker (46.0303) ***First year of implementation**
- Medium/Heavy Truck Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0613)
- Welding, Brazing, and Soldering (48.0508)
 - Alternative SENSE Certification

ASSESSMENT COMPLETION DATE

All assessment testing should be completed by Friday, May 18, 2018, for state reporting purposes. *If an extension is needed, please contact Valerie Felder at felderv@michigan.gov, so that the exception can be noted.*

PRECISION EXAMS – HEALTH SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

The price of this assessment has increased from \$12 to \$15.

ASE UPDATES – ASSESSMENT PRICING AND TESTING WINDOWS

Please see the following link on the [ASE Student Certification](http://www.asestudentcertification.com/) (<http://www.asestudentcertification.com/>) with updates on:

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

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. *The cut score will change for this assessment and will be announced at a later date.*

ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION AND COORDINATION

NOCTI Updates

NOCTI Exports

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, CTEIS now provides a template to allow programs to export data from CTEIS and import into NOCTI's system directly. This feature can be found on the Data Entry Menu by clicking on the NOCTI Export menu item. You can find instructions for this tool at the [NOCTI Export Wiki Page](#).

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.

Below are the programs eligible for NOCTI Assessments.

Test Name	CIP Code	Program Name
Network Systems and Administration	11.0901	Computer Systems, Networking, and Telecommunications
Criminal Justice Job Ready Assessment	43.0100	Public Safety/Protective Services
General Management Pathway Assessment	52.0299	Business Administration Management
Accounting-Advanced Job Ready Assessment	52.0800	Finance and Financial Management
Architectural Drafting Job Ready Assessment	15.1301	Drafting and Design Technology/Architectural
Welding	48.0508	Welding, Brazing, and Soldering
Job Ready Assessment	48.0508	Welding, Brazing, and Soldering

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 year-end 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

ASE Batch Student Upload

PTD does not extract data for the ASE assessments. 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 UICs 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](http://www.asestudentcertification.com/). (/www.asestudentcertification.com/)

Data Collection Procedures for Alternative Certifications

The procedures for the data collection of the IT Certifications, SENSE Certification, AutoDesk Revit, Firefighter I & II, and Emergency Medical Technician Certification/Assessment will be shared in the coming issues of the Newsletter and posted on the OCTE Skills Assessment website.

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.
