

Michigan Credential Transparency



The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity's Office of Employment & Training (LEO-E&T) has partnered with Credential Engine to create credential transparency, literacy and consistency in Michigan. Credential Engine's Credential Registry allows a consistent approach to education and training transparency through a single national platform. LEO-E&T's partnership with education and employer communities supports Michigan's education and training transparency through Credential Engine technologies.

Credential Transparency: The Opportunity

The Credential marketplace can be overwhelming and hard to navigate. Michiganders deserve credential transparency providing access to clear and accurate information in order to find the educational pathway that best fits their career goals.

Credential Transparency: The Goal

Michigan's goal is to provide support to state government departments, secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, apprenticeship program sponsors, and other credential owners to publish credentials to the Credential Registry. Credential transparency is in direct alignment with the Governor's statewide goal to increase the number of Michiganders with a postsecondary credential (a high-quality industry certificate, associate degree or higher) at 60 percent by 2030.

Why is Credential Transparency Important to Michigan?

Job seekers, students and workers have more options than ever to help them get ahead through degrees, licenses, badges and registered apprenticeships – but there has never been an efficient, maintained or widely-understood method to collect, search and compare credentials. With almost 1 million confirmed credentials in the U.S., and close to 13 thousand in Michigan alone, this lack of information contributes to confusion and uninformed decision-making.

Who is Credential Engine?

Credential Engine is a non-profit organization with a mission to create credential transparency, reveal the credential marketplace, increase credential literacy, and empower everyone to make more informed decisions about credentials and their value.

- The information submitted to the Credential Registry will be added to data presented by state information systems, helping users make better education and training connections to credentials and then better credential connections to employment.
- It also assists Michiganders with mapping career pathways.

Why Is Credential Transparency Valuable?

Credential transparency gives those looking for education and training options data to make informed decisions, enables employers to better evaluate a credential's ability to meet business needs, and allows organizations that assist students, workers, employers, and other stakeholders to provide clearer information about the value of various credentials.

Who is the Credential Finder?

The Credential Finder is a tool for exploring all of the information published to the Credential Registry.

Explore at [CredentialFinder.org](https://www.credentialfinder.org).

Where can you learn more about Michigan Credential Transparency?

To learn more about Michigan Credential Transparency, please visit [Michigan.gov/CredentialTransparency](https://www.michigan.gov/CredentialTransparency).