

# 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 compliance 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 Chapter 36, Title 38, and Title 106, United States Code (USC) and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), are to approve for veterans and other eligible individuals the following:

- 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.
- License, certification and exam fees offered in the State of Michigan which meet approval standards.

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.

## What is the application process for schools and employers?

School officials and employers seeking additional program approval requirements should visit the SAA website, at [MiTalent.org/Michigan-State-Approving-Agency](http://MiTalent.org/Michigan-State-Approving-Agency). 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 find more information about SAA?

If you would like more information about the Michigan State Approving Agency, please visit [MiTalent.org/Michigan-State-Approving-Agency](http://MiTalent.org/Michigan-State-Approving-Agency).