



# National Occupational Frameworks

## Accelerate the Design and Registration of High-Quality Apprenticeship Programs



National Occupational Frameworks provide occupation-specific information needed to fast-track the development of high-quality registered apprenticeships.

They provide a blueprint for building a registered apprenticeship program in specific occupations, including the on-the-job training and related instruction that apprentices will perform.

Organizations can use the frameworks to accelerate and enhance the design and registration of apprenticeship programs because they are thoroughly researched and reviewed by industry experts in business, labor, workforce, and education, and approved by the US Department of Labor.

### WHAT INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN THE NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL FRAMEWORKS?

- **Occupation overview**, including alternative job titles and information about any licensing requirements or apprenticeship prerequisites.
- **Occupation-specific job functions and competencies** that are the foundation of registered apprenticeship programs.
- **Work-process schedule** and **related instruction outline** that describe the on-the-job earning and suggested coursework for apprentices.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF USING THE FRAMEWORKS?

- **Supplying background information** on an occupation and the apprenticeship standards required to successfully perform it.
- **Accelerating program development** by outlining industry-vetted, comprehensive, and high-quality standards for each occupation.
- **Providing the essential components to build a registered apprenticeship program** to efficiently design and launch a program.
- **Explaining how to develop programs** that are competency-based, time-based, or hybrid, and how to create a framework for assessing apprentices.

### Frameworks available for occupations in:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Business services
- Care economy
- Education
- Energy
- Finance/insurance
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Information technology
- Supply chain
- Transportation

Access the National Occupational Frameworks at [urban.org/nofs](http://urban.org/nofs)

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