

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg**

Dear Career and Technical
Education Student:

In Pennsylvania, our career and technical programs offer skill training that provides important job training opportunities for students seeking to enter the workforce or continue on to postsecondary education. These opportunities offer specialization in a field that can lead to a family-sustaining career.

The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate recognizes students who are technically prepared for post-secondary education and high-skill, high-wage careers.

I urge you to do your best as you prepare to take this very important test at the end of your career and technical program. The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate will confirm your abilities to employers and show that you have the skills needed to succeed in the global 21st century.

Sincerely,



Tom Corbett
Governor



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Tom Corbett, Governor

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Pennsylvania Skills Certificate



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Jobs in Pennsylvania and the world are becoming extremely competitive and highly technical. It is important that students excel in academic and technical skills that are required to be successful in their chosen career fields.

The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate was created by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to recognize career and technical education students who have shown advanced skill achievement in their technical programs.

To earn the Pennsylvania Skills Certificate, students must achieve at the advanced level on a NOCTI or other PDE approved test. These tests consist of two parts – written and performance. The written test covers factual knowledge, technical information, and the understanding of academic principles and problem solving related to a technical field. The performance test allows students to demonstrate that they have the skills required to do the job. The tests are given at schools with local business and industry persons evaluating student performance. The tests give students the opportunity to demonstrate that they have acquired the technical skills needed for entry level employment and postsecondary education.

The Pennsylvania Skills Certificate is one of the qualifying documents used to offer students advanced college credits with partnering postsecondary institutions through the Statewide Articulation Agreement. To learn more about this exciting opportunity, talk to your school counselor or visit – http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/programs_of_study/7686/articulations/679190.

Career and Technical Education Areas Eligible for the Pennsylvania Skills Certificate . . .

- Accounting Technology
- Administrative Assistant
- Agriculture Mechanization
- Appliance Repair Technology
- Architectural Drafting
- Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology
- Audio-Visual Communications
- Automotive Mechanics Technology
- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Building/Property Maintenance
- Business Information Processing
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- Child Care Services
- Commercial and Advertising Art
- Commercial Foods
- Computer Programming
- Computer Systems Networking
- Computer Technology
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel Mechanics
- Diversified Occupations
- Drafting and Design Technology
- Electrical/Electronic Maintenance
- Electrical Installers
- Electronic Technology
- Electronics
- Film/Video Production
- Forestry Technology
- Graphic Communications
- Health/Medical Assisting Services
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology
- Home Health Aide
- Horticulture
- Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology
- Institutional Food Workers
- Logistic and Material Management
- Manufacturing Technology
- Masonry
- Medical/Clinical Assistant
- Nursing Assistant/Aide
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing
- Practical Nursing
- Precision Metalworking
- Pre-Engineering Technology
- Production Agriculture
- Protective Services
- Sales, Distribution and Marketing Operations
- Tourism and Travel Services
- Welding Technology

