



# MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL CODES CROSSWALK

Translating Your Training and Experiences



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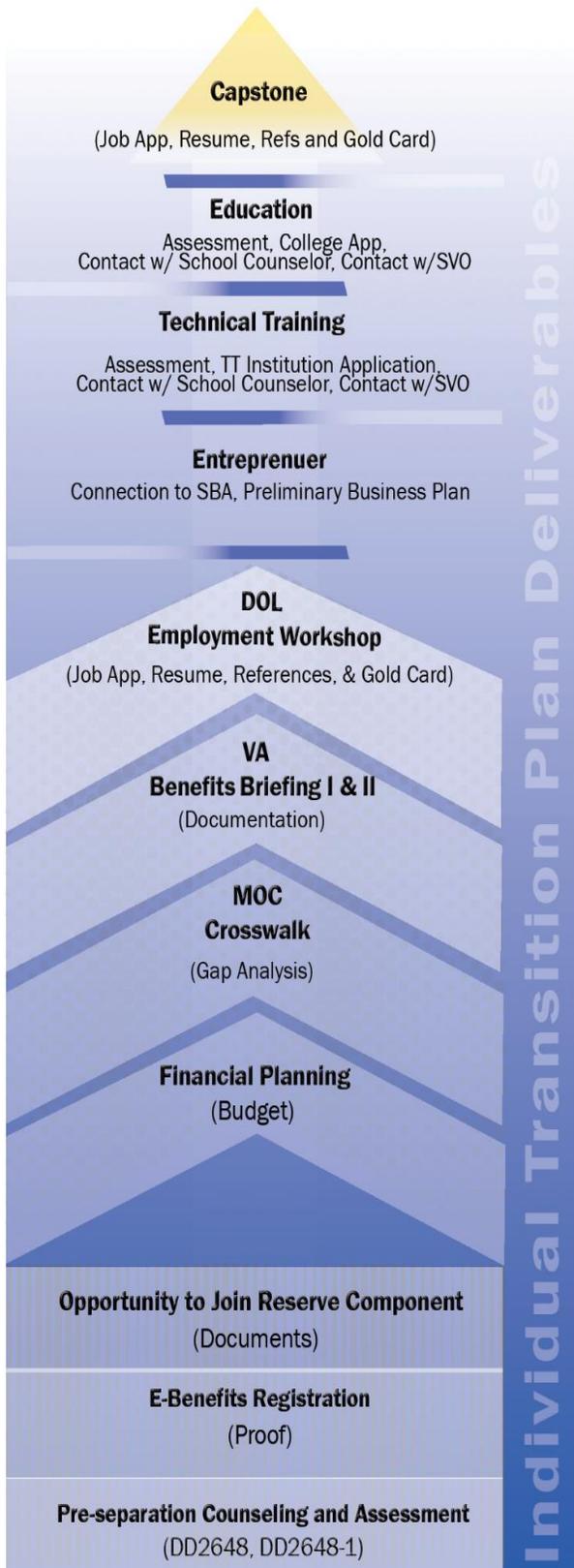
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Service members participate in Capstone to validate and verify that they are prepared to be successful following military service by producing documentation that they meet all Career Readiness Standards (CRS).

**Accessing Higher Education Track**

Guides and assists Service members pursuing college education with preparation for the college application process. Topics covered include identifying educational goals finding education funding and researching and comparing institutions.

**Career Technical Training Track**

Guides and assists Service members pursuing career technical training with preparing for researching and selecting institutions and technical fields.

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Service members pursuing self-employment in the private or non-profit sectors learn about the challenges faced by entrepreneurs; the benefits and realities of entrepreneurship, and the steps toward business ownership.

**DOL Employment Workshop (DOLEW)**

Informs and assists transitioning Service members with preparation of the Tools and steps required for a successful transition to civilian employment.

**VA Benefits Briefings I & II**

Informs transitioning Service members of their Veterans benefits options.

**MOC Crosswalk**

Translate military skills, training and experience into civilian skills, education and credentialing appropriate for civilian jobs.

**Financial Planning for Transition**

Provided information and tools needed to identify financial responsibilities, obligations and goals after separation from the military.

**Continuum of Military Service Opportunity Counseling**

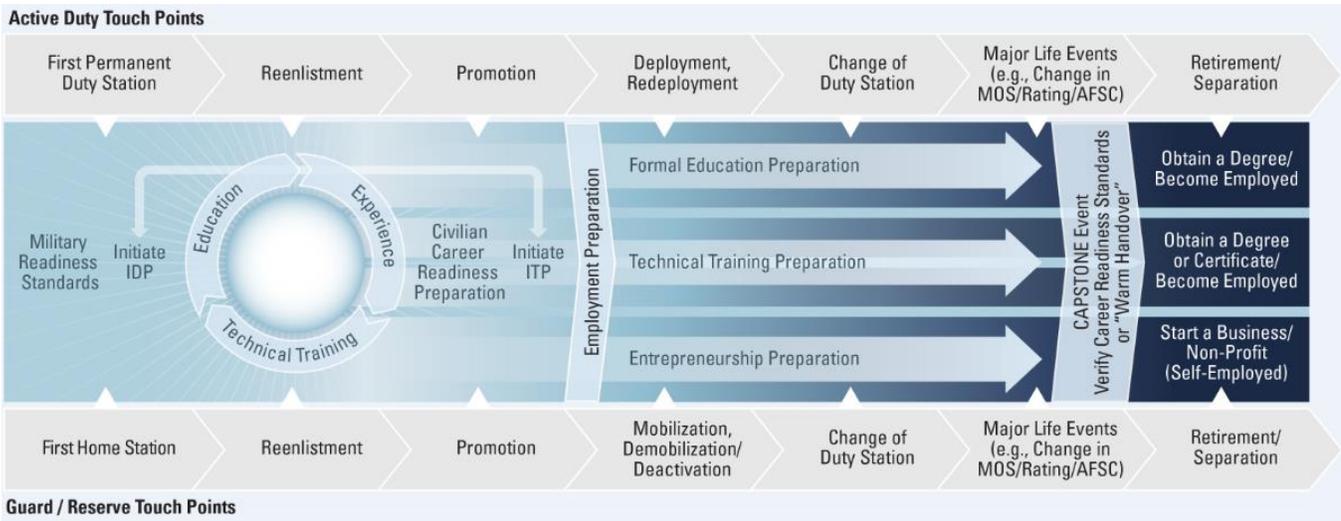
Informs Service members of the opportunity to continue their military service by joining a Reserve Component.

**E-Benefits Registration**

Provides web-based information to Service members, Veterans, and their family members on how to access Veteran benefits, resources, services, and support.

**Pre-Separation Counseling**

Introduces Service members to the full range of transition programs and services available.



## Military Life Cycle Model



### **A Call to Serve:**

At the end of previous conflicts, leaders like George Washington and Jonathan Wainwright challenged those who served under them to assume the mantle of leadership and become an integral part of their communities. The Call to Continued Service campaign began with a "32-Star Letter," signed by the Chairman and the Joint Chiefs, which challenges transitioning service members and veterans to continue serving their communities as civilians. This letter will be given to all transitioning service members and poses a similar challenge to today's post-9/11 generation of veterans. The goal of the letter and our subsequent outreach campaign is to help establish a positive narrative around this generation of veterans and inspire them to continued service to our great Nation. Today's veterans will be challenged to find meaningful purpose in their post-military careers and to tackle reintegration with the same degree of skill and motivation with which they took on their wartime missions. This endeavor will also encourage greater outreach and dialogue between veterans and the public they serve.

In the months ahead, related campaign efforts will focus on speaking engagements and coordinated outreach across the Services to reinforce and address service, education, resilience and employment as they relate to the successful transition of today's veterans into civilian life. This campaign should help put today's veterans on a path to establishing a generational legacy for which they, and all Americans, can be proud.



2 February 2015

To All Who Have Served in Uniform Since 9/11,

You and your families stepped forward as volunteers when our Nation needed you, and you excelled. For over a decade of war, you demonstrated the courage, resilience, and adaptability that are the hallmarks of the American military. Thank you for wearing our Nation's uniform.

Your dedication to those serving on your right and left has been unwavering, and your commitment to a cause greater than yourself has been inspiring. Be proud of what you have done for your country and for those people in other countries who share in the dream of a better future.

Over the last 13 years, you have written a new chapter in American military history while honoring the legacy of the generations of veterans who served before you. Their sacrifices paved the way for our welcome home—we build our legacy on their shoulders. It is appropriate to recognize and thank them as we join their ranks.

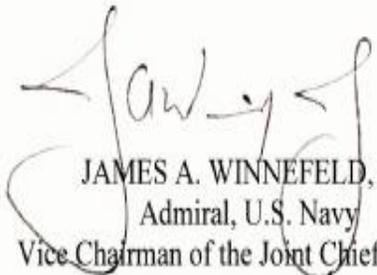
It is also appropriate to follow the example they set when they took off the uniform. Those previous generations of veterans understood that they had an opportunity—and a responsibility—to continue serving. Your generation will also help guide our country's destiny.

While the transition to civilian life brings new challenges, the American public stands ready to welcome you home. As a veteran, your country still needs your experience, intellect, and character. Even out of uniform, you still have a role in providing for the security and sustained health of our democracy. No matter what you choose to do in your next chapter, you will continue to make a difference. The opportunity for leadership is yours.

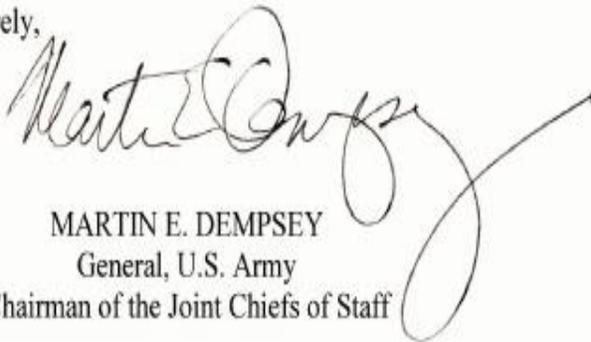
We trust that you will accept this challenge and join ranks with the business leaders, volunteers, and public servants in your communities. You have made your mark in uniform and represent the strength of our Nation. We know you will do the same as veterans, setting the example for the next generation of veterans to follow.

We thank you and your families for your service and for your continued dedication to the United States of America. It has been our greatest privilege to serve with you, and we look forward with pride to what your future holds. We know it will be extraordinary.

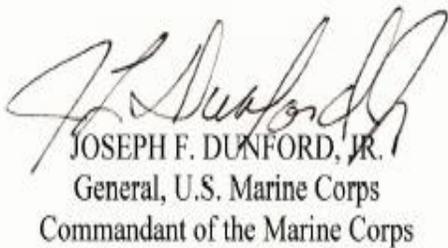
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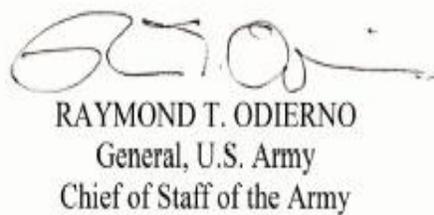
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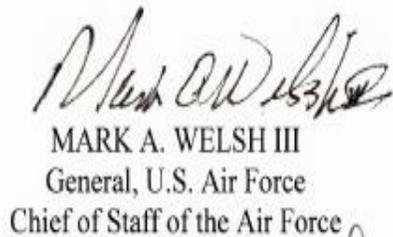
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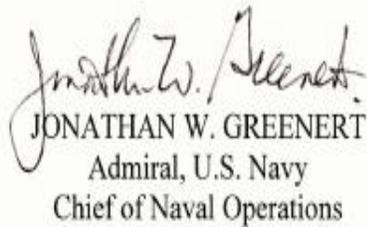
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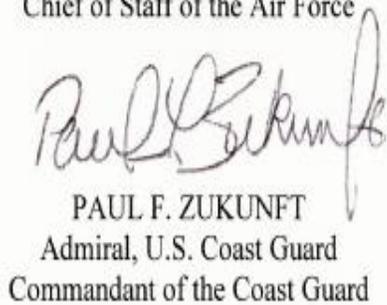
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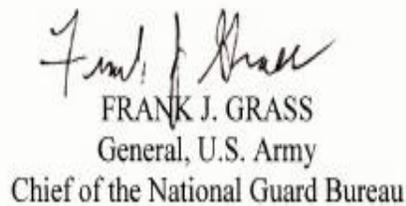
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## MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL CODES CROSSWALK

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### Overview

The purpose of this module is to begin identifying skills, experience, credentials, and education obtained in the military and crosswalk them to civilian opportunities.

You will learn about the different types of job seekers, and how to conduct a Military Occupation Code (MOC) crosswalk. You will participate in an activity to crosswalk your individual MOC to civilian career opportunities identifying the gaps, which need to be explored in order to be more employable and marketable in the civilian sector.

### Military Occupational Codes (MOC) Crosswalk

#### Module Purpose:

- By the end of this training, you will develop a MOC gap analysis that will help you identify the skills you have, compared with the skills you need, to obtain the civilian career you desire.

#### Outcome:

- To complete an initial Gap Analysis Activity

#### Competencies:

- Identify civilian jobs that are relevant to personal career goals.
- Research personally selected geographic locations and demand occupations according to employment outlook/labor market information in order to make an informed career decision.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Interpret the Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) transcripts to civilianize military terminology.
- Identify needed credentials/education and balance with the Joint Service Transcript (JST), and Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) recommended credit.
- Identify gaps between current knowledge, skills, and education/training as they relate to civilian occupational requirements.
- Identify primary and alternative occupational goals based on labor market information (LMI) and individual qualifications.
- Identify and research career employment opportunities of interest.
- Update Individual Transition Plan (ITP) information, Block 1: Section II and III

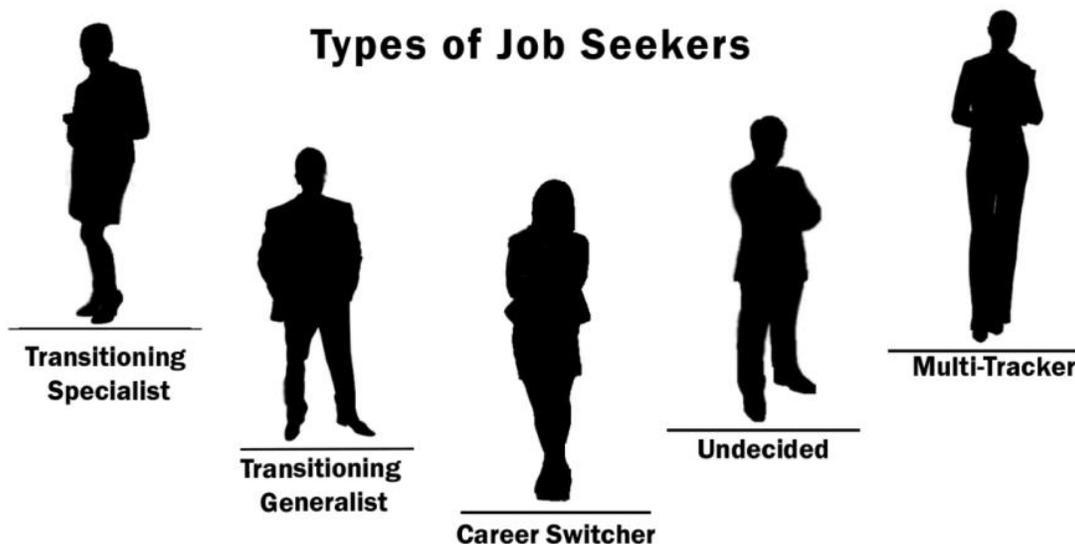
## Military Occupational Code Crosswalk

### MOC Crosswalk

The purpose of drafting a crosswalk of your MOC is to identify and relate civilian career opportunities and requirements to your current military education, training, and experience. The MOC crosswalk helps you identify your skills, experience, and abilities.

Some Service members know that they want to pursue education, a certain career, go into business for themselves, work part-time, or enter a technical field. Others are undecided and could use more exploration and assistance in their career search.

Regardless of your personal career situation, the MOC crosswalk is a good way to increase your self-knowledge and to provide you with the first step toward making a successful transition. To begin, we will first determine which type of job seeker you feel you can relate to most.



### Types of Job Seekers

**Transitioning Specialist** – A Service member who has held a technical military occupation and wants to continue in that occupational area in the civilian workforce. Example: An Air Traffic controller in the military who wants to continue as one in the civilian workforce.

**Transitioning Generalist** – A Service member who wants to utilize the general and leadership skills acquired through military Service in the civilian workforce. Example: Senior NCO with instructional/training background who wants to serve as a corporate trainer.

**Career Switcher** – A Service member who wants to pursue a specific civilian occupation that is unrelated to military occupation or experiences. Example: An electronics technician who wants to become a history teacher.

**Undecided** – A Service member who has not decided on a specific career path within the civilian workforce. Example: A Service member who wants to settle in a specific geographic location without a clear career path.

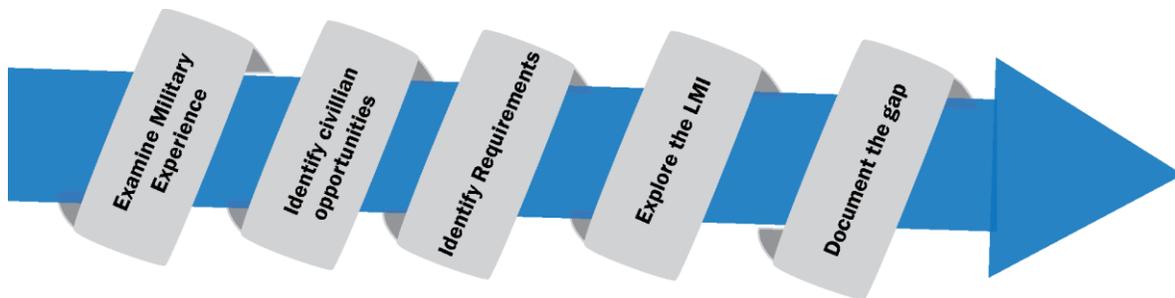
**Multi-Tracker** – A Service member who wants to pursue a combination of civilian opportunities that may include employment, education, technical training, entrepreneurship, or volunteerism. Example: A medical corpsman who is attending college to become a registered nurse while concurrently employed part-time as an emergency medical technician.

### MOC Crosswalk Process

Translating your education, training, experience, and skills into civilian career goals and jobs is a multi-step process that can have a variety of outcomes.

This process is as follows:

1. Examine your military experience and training record.
2. Identify civilian occupations and careers that correlate to your experience, abilities, and goals.
3. Identify the education, experience and credentials required.
4. Explore the labor market in the geographic area where you are interested in living.
5. Re-evaluate goals based on steps 2-4.
6. Document the gap between your current occupation and your chosen career field.



## Introduction of GAP Analysis

The main tool of the MOC Crosswalk is the GAP Analysis. When completed, it will provide a visual representation of the ‘gaps’ in education, experience and credentials. The left column, ‘Where am I now?’ is for defining skills you currently have, either through the military or from the civilian sector. During this section the VMET, Service transcripts and evaluations will be very useful. We will also explore your current military occupation using O\*NET Online to provide a list of valued and technical skills.

The right column, ‘Where am I going?’ is used to identify the skills, education, and certifications which are necessary to be successful in a profession or career.

Finally, the middle column, ‘What do I need to fill the Gap?’ will show the ‘GAP’ between what skills and education you currently possess and those you will need to acquire to be employed in this profession. An example from the Appendix is below:

### Gap Analysis

#### Part A: Filling in the Gap

Complete the “Where am I now” column, the “Where am I going” column, and finally *fill the Gap* by completing the “What do I need to fill in the Gap” column.

<b>Where am I now?</b> Current MOS: <u>6317 Aircraft Technician</u> <i>Use V-MET, JST, CCAF and Professional Evaluations to complete this column.</i>	<b>What do I need to fill in the Gap?</b>	<b>Where am I going?</b> Civilian Occupation: <u>Air Traffic Controller</u> <i>Use MyNextMove for Veterans and O*Net to complete this column.</i>
Experience and skills I have:  10 years. Installs, removes, inspects, tests, maintains, and repairs components, subsystems, and ancillary equipment on installed aircraft communications, navigation, and deceptive electronic countermeasures systems.	Experience and skills I need to obtain:  <b>None</b>	Experience and skills this occupation requires:  Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers.
Education and training I have: aviation maintenance integrated avionics systems communications/navigation maintenance Antenna Construction and Propagation of Radio Waves Communications Security See JST for additional information.	Education and training I need to obtain:  <b>None</b>	Education and training this occupation requires: May require a background in the following (STEM) educational disciplines: Engineering — Agricultural Mechanics and Equipment/Machine Technology; Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician; Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance.
Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I have:  none.	Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I need to obtain:  12 certifications available on MyNextMove.	Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) or any other requirements for this occupation:  Varies by employment opportunity

## Examine your Military Experience and Training Record

The first block on the Gap Analysis is experience and skills. As Veterans, you have received extensive, formal, in-residence training in technical skills, but it can be the non-technical skills – such as teamwork, oral and written communication, and continuous learning – that employer’s value. The intangible skills are commonly referred to as soft, valued or essential skills.

One challenge you face as a Veteran will be to communicate these acquired skills and experiences into marketable civilian traits. One purpose of this module is to assist you in determining your list of valued skills. Use the VMET, JST, and credentials, you may have obtained while in the military, along with the COOL website and O\*NET, to determine your technical, hard and valued skills. The process begins with understanding each of these Tools for Transition.



## Tools for Transition

### Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET)

The VMET document is an “all-services” integrated form, which displays demographic, training, and experience information retrieved from various automated sources.

The purpose of the VMET report is to provide descriptive summaries of military work experience, training history, and language proficiencies. Additionally, the VMET includes recommended college credit associated with an individual’s military experience and training, as assigned by the American Council on Education (ACE); and related civilian equivalent job titles, when such information is available. Military work experience and civilian equivalent job titles are only available on an enlisted Service member’s VMET. Officers should refer to their OER and ORB for this information.

If you do not have your VMET, you may download a copy from [www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgps](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgps).

The VMET provides a history of successfully completed military training and work experience dating back to FY 1985 (or earlier, when available).

Data includes:

- Military occupations, titles, and pertinent dates.
- Occupation description.
- Additional skill codes with title and description.
- Training course title, date of completion, length, and description.
- Any associated ACE recommended credits
- Any off-duty education and foreign language proficiencies, as provided by your Branch of Service.

**OCCUPATION: 7253, Air Traffic Controller-Radar** ← **Title and Code**

**DUTY OCCUPATION:**  
MARINE CORPS, ACTIVE: CORPORAL, Pay Grade E-4  
SEP 2008 - AUG 2010 (1 Year 11 Months) ← **Duty: Current position  
Dates of Experience**  
MARINE CORPS, ACTIVE: LANCE CORPORAL, Pay Grade E-3  
JAN 2007 - SEP 2008 (1 Year 8 Months)

**OCCUPATION DESCRIPTION FROM SERVICE FILE FOR: 7253** (Description dates JUL 2000 - OCT 2014) ← **Occupation Description**  
Air traffic controllers-radar perform various duties within a radar facility incident to the control of air traffic at an established air traffic control facility, expeditionary airfield, or remote landing areas. They coordinate aircraft movement information with associated facilities or agencies, coordinate current weather and airfield conditions as required, and perform air traffic control duties in both tactical and nontactical air traffic control organizations. This MOS may be assigned as a skill designator MOS only.

**RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS FOR: 7253** ← **Related Civilian  
Occupations, O\*NET, and  
DOT Occupation Code**  
Air Traffic Controllers (ONET 53-2021.00)  
Air-Traffic-Control Specialist, Station (DOT 193.162-014)  
Air-Traffic-Control Specialist, Tower (DOT 193.162-018)

For crosswalk purposes, you should focus within the following areas:

- All titled “occupation” codes.
- “Occupation description from Service file” information.
- “Related civilian occupation” for related civilian occupation titles.
- “Course description from American Council on Education” for consideration in any additional educational and certification requirements identified for career exploration.
- “Additional qualification(s)” for review of additional skills sets you may have acquired.
- Duty – Current position/duties.
- Primary – Positions for which you received training.
- Secondary – Positions for which you are qualified, but not currently performing.

**MILITARY TRAINING:** AUG 2006 - NOV 2006, 2006

**NAVY COURSE:** C-222-2010, Air Traffic Controller

**LENGTH:** 14-16 weeks (560-640 hours)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION FROM AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION:**  
(NV-1704-0004, Exhibit dates JUL 1994 - OCT 2008)  
Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to fulfill apprentice-level technical requirement for an air traffic controller eventually leading to FAA certification in control tower operations.  
Lectures and practical exercises in basic air navigation and navigational aids; aviation meteorology; airport traffic control; and air traffic rules and regulations, communication procedures, and radar use.

**CREDIT RECOMMENDATION FROM AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION**  
(NV-1704-0004, Exhibit dates JUL 1994 - OCT 2008)  
In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in national airspace system, 2 in aviation meteorology, 2 in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, and 2 in navigation principles. In the upper-division baccalaureate degree category, 6 semester hours in air traffic control (1/96)(10/00).  
(MARINE CORPS TRAINING HISTORY COURSE: 67A)  
(NAVY TRAINING HISTORY COURSE: C-222-2010)

**Training Dates, Course Number and Length**

**Course Description according to ACE**

**Credit recommendation from ACE**

## Service Transcripts

Service transcripts are education/training transcripts obtained online or through the base education office. They may be ordered and evaluated by the Service member and may apply to every Service member (enlisted, officer, and warrant officer). Transcripts downloaded by the Service member are considered unofficial.

### Joint Services Transcript (JST)

- Identifies upper and lower level credit recommendations
- Identifies course hours and descriptions
- Identifies military experience related to college credit

The JST is a tool for institutions to compare military experience to their degree program requirements. JST replaces the Sailor Marine Corps American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART), the Army American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS), and the Coast Guard Institute (CGI).

### Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)

- Identifies course hours and descriptions
- Identifies military experience related to college credit

The Air Force's Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) is an institution of higher learning dedicated to the enlisted member.

These resources may overlap with Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET).

**JST:** <https://jst.doded.mil/>    **CCAF:** <http://www.au.af.mil/ccaf/transcripts.asp>

The transcripts record all education courses and training – even when not in the “line of duty.” The transcripts identify competencies and strengths, along with how they might apply to various civil career paths.

The transcripts assist with:

- Identifying skills to help guide you to a career field.
- Reinforcing career path/continuing education.
- Composing your resume.
- Determining your education path – you could pursue further education, or use what you have to pursue more education or a “degree” program.

Additionally, transcripts recommend college credit for prior experience and learning. You can use these recommendations to advocate for college credit at a learning institution.

For more information on college credits and education, attend the Accessing Higher Education (AHE) or the Career Technical Training (CTTT).



## Credentialing

### Introduction to Credentialing

Some occupations have certain professional and technical standards required to perform that job. The process of meeting these standards and earning official recognition of credentials – licenses, certifications, or apprenticeships – is called credentialing. Private and government organizations set credentialing standards, generally called credentialing boards. Some credentials have educational requirements as part of eligibility.

Credentials supply documented proof of your ability to perform in a certifiable career field. They help develop a more diversely skilled workforce, broaden professional development, and validate professional knowledge and skills gained through experience, technical education and training.

Sometimes when doing a crosswalk, multiple credentials are shown. There can be 20-30 related credentials to specific occupations. You will need to do research for the specific occupation and look at job listings to determine specific requirements.

**TIP:** Check with specific state or professional organizations for certification and licensure requirements. Federal, state, or local laws may **require specific credentials** to perform the duties in some occupations.

Employers may only choose to employ individuals with the appropriate credentials and the majority of employers hire the individual who best fits the criteria of the position.

If you have credentials in occupations you do not wish to pursue, they could prove to be very important in a related career, so do not discount their usefulness until you conduct thorough research.

Most credentials expire after a certain timeframe. In addition, many credentialing bodies require continuous learning and experience (Continuing Education Units or CEUs). They may also require re-certification to maintain the credential.

### **Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL) Websites**

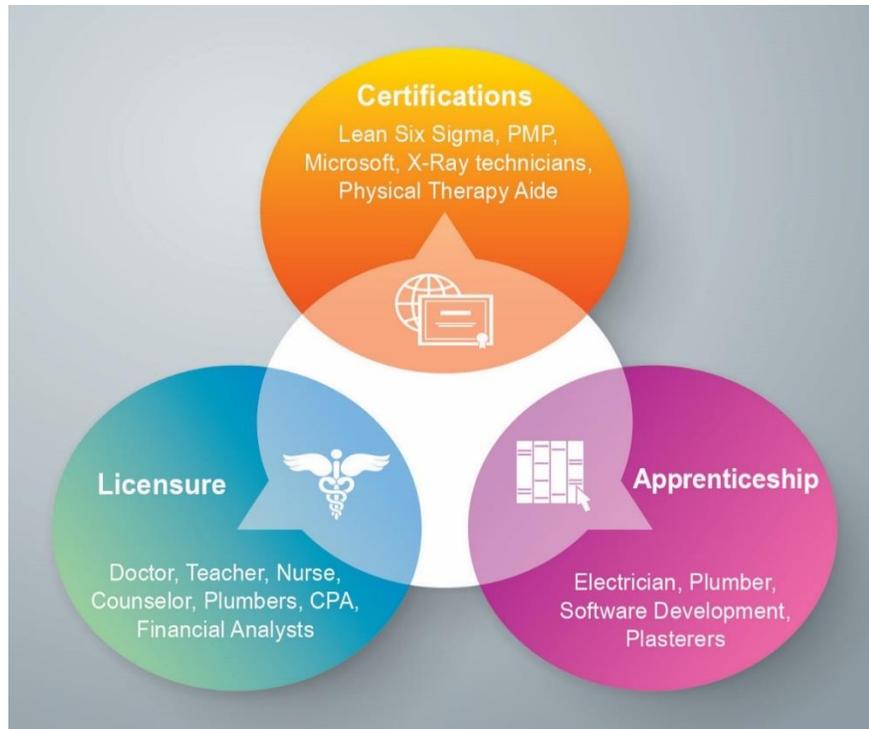
The Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL) Websites - Service members and Veterans and Guard/Reserve personnel – explains how you can meet civilian certification and licensure requirements related to your ratings, jobs, designators, and occupations.

[www.cool.navy.mil/](http://www.cool.navy.mil/)

[www.cool.army.mil](http://www.cool.army.mil)

[www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/index.htm](http://www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/index.htm)

<https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Public/COOL/Default.aspx>



### Three Main Types of Credentials

1. **Licensure** – Governmental agencies—federal, state, or local—grant licenses to individuals to practice a specific occupation, such as a medical license for doctors. State or federal laws or regulations define the standards that individuals must meet to become licensed. Licenses are typically mandatory.
2. **Certification** – Non-governmental agencies, associations, and even private sector companies may grant certifications to individuals who meet predetermined qualifications. These qualifications are generally set by professional associations (for example, National Commission for Certification of Crane Operators) or by industry and product-related organizations (for example, Novell Certified Engineer). Certification is typically an optional credential; although some state licensure boards and some employers may require certification. For many occupations, more than one organization may offer certifications.
3. **Apprenticeship** – A registered apprenticeship program is an industry-based approach to training that combines paid on-the-job learning with job-related education. It is a written plan to move an employed apprentice from low or no skill level to the full performance level for occupationally identified skill sets. A registered apprenticeship program must meet program parameters established under the National Apprenticeship Act. The Act and its regulations are administered by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Apprenticeship or a Secretary of Labor-approved State Apprenticeship Agency. ([www.dol.gov/apprenticeship](http://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship))

## The Importance of Credentialing

### Why is Credentialing Important?

- Could be required by law or by an employer for entry into employment.
- Could lead to higher pay or improved prospects for promotion.
- Demonstrates to civilian employers that training and skills attained in the military are on par with those gained through traditional civilian pathways.

### Deciding Whether to Pursue a Credential

Licenses are typically mandatory, so if the civilian career you intend to pursue has an associated license, you will need to obtain that license in order to perform that job. Certifications, on the other hand, are typically voluntary – meaning you can get a job without them.

To determine whether to pursue a certification, consider:

- Does the employer require a certain certification? Look at a sample of a specific job advertisement and see whether employers are requiring certain certifications. If multiple employers require or recommend a specific certification, it would be wise to attain it.
- Will the certification give me a competitive advantage? Even if the certification is not required, having one might make your application or resume stand out. If you are pursuing a civilian career area that is unrelated to your military occupation or education, training, and experience, and a certification is available in that career field, it is probably worthwhile to attain it. If you plan to pursue a civilian career and there is a certification that is a direct match with the career, attaining it will also make you more competitive.

**ACTIVITY: GAP Analysis - Where am I now?**

1. Use the VMET, JST, Credentialing and COOL websites to find the following information:
  - a. Experience and Skill
  - b. Education and Training
  - c. Credentials (license, certifications, apprentices)
2. Complete the 'Where am I now?' section of the GAP Analysis

<p><b>Where am I now?</b></p> <p>Current MOS: <u>6317 Aircraft Technician</u></p> <p><i>Use V-MET, JST, CCAF and Professional Evaluations to complete this column.</i></p>
<p>Experience and skills I have:</p> <p>10 years. Installs, removes, inspects, tests, maintains, and repairs components, subsystems, and ancillary equipment on installed aircraft communications, navigation, and deceptive electronic countermeasures systems.</p>
<p>Education and training I have:</p> <p>aviation maintenance integrated avionics systems communications/navigation maintenance Antenna Construction and Propagation of Radio Waves Communications Security See JST for additional information.</p>
<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I have:</p> <p>none.</p>

## Identify civilian careers that align with your skills, ability and interests and Identify the education, experience and credentials required.

One way to seek new career options is to answer some career related interest questions in a career assessment, such as O\*NET Interest Profiler. For this assessment, you will answer 60 questions about your skills, interests and abilities. Follow the directions to see what interesting career options are presented to you based on your likes and dislikes.

### O\*NET: Interest Profiler

#### O\*NET – Interest Profiler

#### Web Exploration Activity: O\*NET Interest Profiler Instructions



#### O\*NET Interest Profiler

<http://www.mynextmove.org/vets>

1. Click on the 'Interest Profiler'
2. Click on the NEXT button at the bottom of the screen.
3. Click the Next button to advance through the Interest Profiler system; you must answer every question for the program to

advance.

4. After the questions are completed click NEXT to see the results; the highest numbers are the basis for your results.
5. Click NEXT until 'Select a Job Zone'; chose the job zone best suited for you needs
6. Click on a career title that interests you, this will take to the informational page located in O\*NET showing the skills, abilities, education necessary for this career or occupation

**TIP:** for best results, try not to choose 'Unsure' as an answer.

The image displays two screenshots of the O\*NET Interest Profiler interface. The left screenshot is the welcome page, titled 'O\*NET Interest Profiler', which includes a 'Start' button and navigation links for 'Interests', 'Results', 'Job Zones', and 'Careers'. The right screenshot shows a progress bar at the top and a list of 12 questions, each with four radio button options. The questions include tasks like 'Build kitchen cabinets', 'Lay brick or tile', 'Develop a new medicine', 'Study ways to reduce water pollution', 'Write books or plays', 'Play a musical instrument', 'Teach an individual an exercise routine', 'Help people with personal or emotional problems', 'Buy and sell stocks and bonds', 'Manage a retail store', 'Develop a spreadsheet using computer software', and 'Proofread records or forms'. A 'Next' button is visible at the bottom right of the question list.

## O\*NET – My Next Move for Veterans

Another option to research career options is with My Next Move. This works well if you have an idea of a career, industry or are interested in employment similar to your military occupation and would like more information or options.

### Search by Keywords

This is for the type of job you know you want to pursue. You will type in your desired career, for example Event Planner and click search. Once you hit search you will receive a list of jobs that match up to your keyword. Click on any job in which you are interested. The next page provides information on knowledge, skills, abilities, personality and technology associated with this job title. If you scroll to the bottom of the page, you will be able to review education requirements and job outlook information, including salary and likelihood of available jobs in a specific location. Under 'Explore More', you will find other job titles that are similar to the one chosen and the industry.

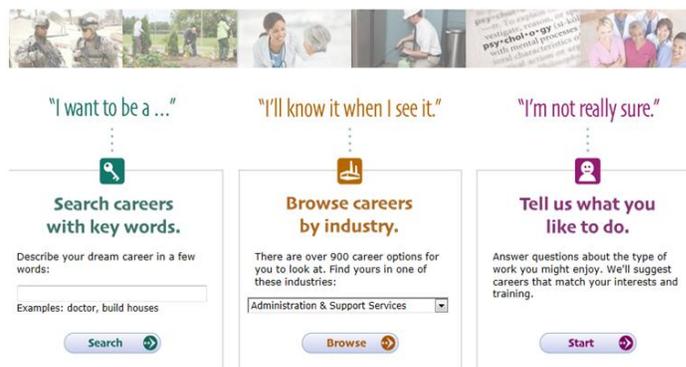
### Browse career by industry

On the drop down box, you will see a wide range of industries. Select one that interests you and click browse. You will see a list of jobs in that particular area you selected. Click on any that interest you. The next page provides information on knowledge, skills, abilities, personality and technology associated with this job title. If you scroll to the bottom of the page, you will be able to review education requirements and job outlook information, including salary and likelihood of available jobs in a specific location. Under 'Explore More', you will find other job titles that are similar to the one chosen and the industry.

### Find careers like your military job

Select your branch and type in either your MOC/MOS code or job title. On the next page, you will see a list of jobs that match the job you did in the military. Click on any job that interests you. The next page provides information on knowledge, skills, abilities, personality and technology associated with this job title. If you scroll to the bottom of the page, you will be able to review education requirements and job outlook information, including salary and likelihood of available jobs in a specific location. Under 'Explore More', you will find other job titles that are similar to the one chosen and the industry.

## What do you want to do for a living?



The image shows a user interface for career exploration with three main options:

- "I want to be a ..."**: Search careers with key words. Includes a text input field with examples "doctor, build houses" and a "Search" button.
- "I'll know it when I see it."**: Browse careers by industry. Includes a dropdown menu currently showing "Administration & Support Services" and a "Browse" button.
- "I'm not really sure."**: Tell us what you like to do. Includes a "Start" button.

**Web Exploration Activity:** My Next Move for Veterans  
[www.mynextmoveforvets.com](http://www.mynextmoveforvets.com)



1. Search by keywords
2. Browse by careers or industry
3. Find careers like your military job
4. Choose one of the above search areas, type in your keyword, industry or military occupation/
5. From the list created, click on a career that interests you to view the skills, abilities, education, outlook, and more.

**ACTIVITY: GAP Analysis – Where am I going?**

1. Use the O\*Net Interest Profiler and My Next Move for Veteran websites to find the following information on a chosen career:
  - a. Experience and Skill
  - b. Education and Training
  - c. Credentials (license, certifications, apprentices)
2. Complete the ‘Where am I going?’ section of the GAP Analysis

<p><b>Where am I going?</b></p> <p>Civilian Occupation: <u>Air Traffic Controller</u>  <i>Use Mynextmove for Veterans and O*Net to complete this column.</i></p>
<p>Experience and skills this occupation requires:</p> <p>Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers.</p>
<p>Education and training this occupation requires:</p> <p>May require a background in the following (STEM) educational disciplines: Engineering — Agricultural Mechanics and Equipment/Machine Technology; Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician; Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance.</p>
<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) or any other requirements for this occupation:</p> <p>Varies by employment opportunity</p>

## Influences on Career Selections

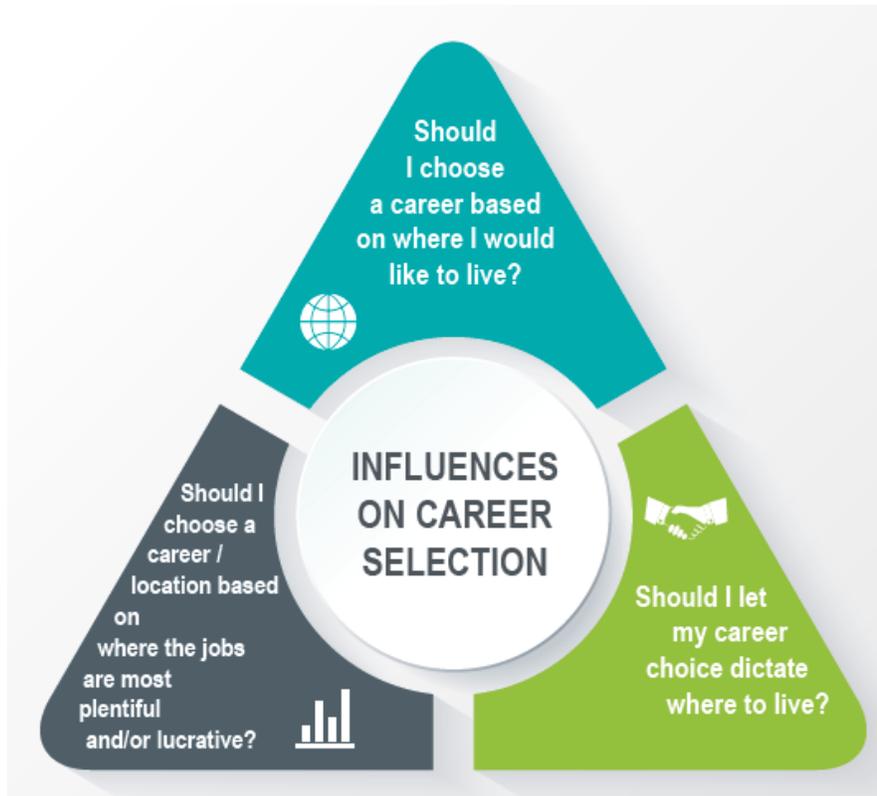
### Two common Influences on Career Selection: Labor Market Information (LMI) and Geographic Location

Geographic Location	Labor Market Information (LMI)
Determine your potential priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursuing a location without your desired profession</li> <li>• Pursuing your profession regardless of location</li> <li>• Identifying an alternative profession because of your selected location</li> </ul>	LMI can help you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand today's complex workforce</li> <li>• Explore civilian occupations based on employment levels and trends</li> <li>• Make informed career decisions</li> </ul>
Research/explore which geographic locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of living and finding housing</li> <li>• Moving costs</li> <li>• Family relocation</li> <li>• Reserve Component – continuum of service</li> </ul>	Research/explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National, state, and local employment statistics, job forecasts, wages, and demographics</li> <li>• A military skills translator to identify a civilian occupation</li> <li>• LMI data and compare geographic areas</li> </ul>

While determining a career path it is important to consider two common influences that can affect your career selection; Geographic location and labor market information (LMI). Geographic location refers to where you plan to live, but you must examine the feasibility of pursuing your career in a chosen location, which is labor market information. To begin you will need to research and explore which geographic locations are hiring for your chosen career path. When contemplating relocation, strongly consider housing availability, associated moving costs, cost of living, and family adjustment.

If you are in the Reserve Component, and continuation of Service is included in your plan, it is strongly recommended you research interstate transfer and unit logistics when considering relocation.

On the other hand, if a location is your top priority, explore careers in your desired area. Consideration must be given to whether the community you want to live in will support your career choice. You might require additional training and education to be competitive and to find work in a certain area.



Some of the most important questions you should ask yourself:

**Should I:**

- Let my career choice dictate where to live?
- Choose a career based on where I would like to live?
- Choose a career/location based on where the jobs are most plentiful and/or lucrative?"

The Department of Labor Employment Workshop will discuss, in detail, exactly where to locate and how to interpret LMI. For now, just be aware of the questions you need to consider.

**ACTIVITY: GAP Analysis - Labor Market Information**

1. Use the O\*Net Interest Profiler and My Next Move for Veteran websites to find the following LMI on your chosen career:
  - a. Location
  - b. Salary Range
  - c. Job Outlook
2. Complete the GAP Analysis Part B: Salary and LMI

**GAP Analysis**

**Part B: Assessing the Salary and Labor Market for the civilian occupation**

After completing Part A: Filling in the Gap, complete the Labor Market Information (LMI) for the civilian occupation using My Next Move for Veterans.

**Location:**

What is your preferred geographic location of relocation (city/state)?	
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**Salary:**

What is the salary range for this occupation?	
What is the salary range for this occupation in my preferred location (city/state)?	
Does the salary range fit my requirements?	

**Job Outlook:**

What is the outlook for this occupation in your preferred state?	
What geographic locations (city/state) has a better outlook?	
Where (city/state) would you be willing to relocate?	

## Document the GAP

### GAP Analysis Activity:

1. Analyze your findings under ‘Where am I now?’ and compare to ‘Where am I going?’
2. Fill in the ‘What do I need to fill in the gap?’
  - a. Experience and Skill
  - b. Education and Training
  - c. Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprentices)
3. Examine Part B: Final Analysis
  - a. Is this a good job to pursue?
  - b. List two alternative jobs you can explore

<b>What do I need to fill in the Gap?</b>
Experience and skills I need to obtain:  None
Education and training I need to obtain:  None
Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I need to obtain:  12 certifications available on MyNextMove.

### Final Analysis:

Based upon "Filling in the Gap", Salary, and Outlook, is this a good job to pursue?	
List two alternative jobs that you can explore to expand your options. If needed, repeat GAP Analysis with each alternative job.	

### My Next Steps, based upon Part A and B of Gap Analysis:

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## Veterans Employment Center

In connection with the First Lady and Dr. Biden's Joining Forces initiative, the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor, Defense and Education, the Small Business Administration and the Office of Personnel Management, collaborated to create the VEC by incorporating the best online employment tool features.

The VEC resources include Profile Builder, Skills Translator, Veterans Job Bank, and additional Transition GPS resources.

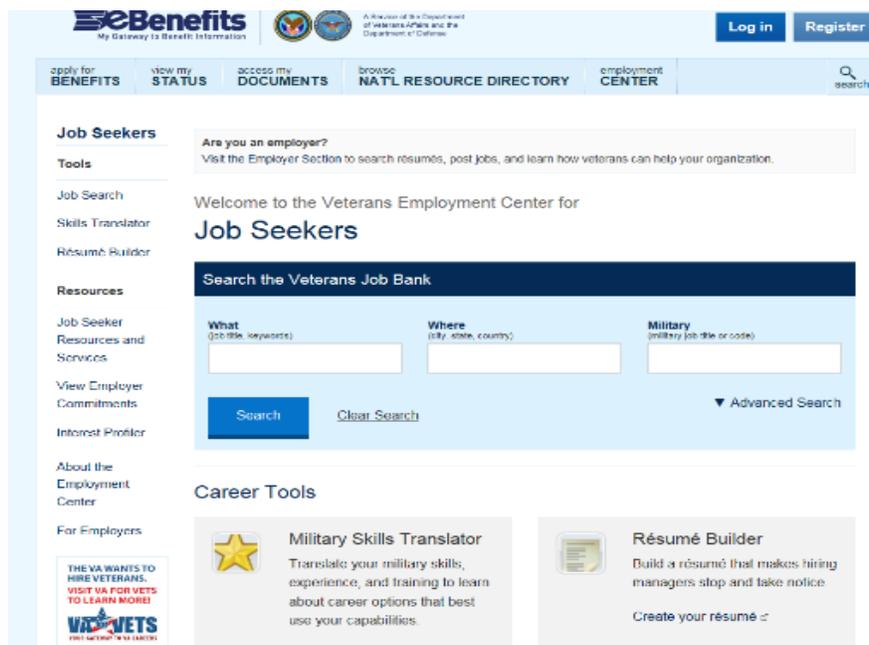
## Web Demonstration: Veterans Employment Center

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>



### Available on VEC:

- Job Search
- Career Tools
- Employment Resources and Services



The screenshot displays the Veterans Employment Center (VEC) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'eBenefits' logo and the tagline 'My Gateway to Benefit Information'. To the right of the logo are the logos for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense, along with the text 'A Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense'. On the far right of the navigation bar are 'Log in' and 'Register' buttons. Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu with options: 'apply for BENEFITS', 'view my STATUS', 'access my DOCUMENTS', 'browse NATL RESOURCE DIRECTORY', and 'employment CENTER'. A search icon is also present on the right side of this menu.

The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a sidebar with a 'Job Seekers' heading and a list of tools: 'Job Search', 'Skills Translator', and 'Résumé Builder'. Below this, there is a 'Resources' section with links for 'Job Seeker Resources and Services', 'View Employer Commitments', 'Interest Profile', 'About the Employment Center', and 'For Employers'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a small graphic that says 'THE VA WANTS TO HIRE VETERANS. VISIT VA FOR VETS TO LEARN MORE!' with the 'VA FOR VETS' logo.

The main content area features a 'Welcome to the Veterans Employment Center for Job Seekers' message. Below this is a search box titled 'Search the Veterans Job Bank'. The search box has three input fields: 'What (job title, keywords)', 'Where (city, state, country)', and 'Military (military job title or code)'. There are 'Search' and 'Clear Search' buttons, and an 'Advanced Search' link.

Below the search box is a 'Career Tools' section with two featured tools: 'Military Skills Translator' (with a star icon) and 'Résumé Builder' (with a document icon). The 'Military Skills Translator' tool description says: 'Translate your military skills, experience, and training to learn about career options that best use your capabilities.' The 'Résumé Builder' tool description says: 'Build a résumé that makes hiring managers stop and take notice. Create your résumé >>>'

## Summary

The information reviewed in this module was an overview. There are many other dimensions to consider when looking for your next career. The Department of Labor Employment Workshop (DOLEW) Module will help you further explore aspects to consider, and you are encouraged to conduct research on your own to ensure you are making the most informed decision possible.

## ITP Update:

At this time, take a moment to update your ITP – Block 1 - Section II: A & B; Section III: A & B – with information you have researched, noting any alterations you made to your track selection. Identify and pursue the next steps you need to take in your transition process.

## Transition GPS Participant Assessment

[www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgpsp/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgpsp/)

Please take a few minutes to take the Transition GPS Participant Assessment located at the website above.

The Transition GPS Assessment Survey is an integral part of our curriculum review process. Every survey answer and comment provided by a Service member is taken into consideration when reviewing the curriculum. For FY 15 review the following things were changed due to Service member feedback:

- Completing the GAP analysis as an activity during the class
- Adding examples of a completed GAP Analysis
- Provide an example of the VMET, JST and CCAF

Please take the time to complete the survey, provide any necessary feedback and know that your comments could make a difference when the MOC Crosswalk module is revised.

Thank you!

## List of Skills Valued by Employers

Decision Making	Critical Thinking	Willingness to learn
Mentoring	Interpersonal Skills	Oral Communication
Written Communication	Teamwork/Team-building	Accomplish Organizational Goal
Handling Work Stress	Dependable	Reliable
Attention to Detail	Persistence	Project Planning
Motivating Others	Operation Safety	Strategic Planning
Effective Under Pressure	Problem Solving	Reasoning
Training Others	Working Autonomously (Alone)	Collaboration
Intercultural Skills	Public Speaking	Active Listening
Supervising	Honest/Integrity	Work Ethic
Respect for Procedure	Self-Discipline	Delegating
Inspires Others	Adaptability	

# GAP Analysis

## Part A: Filling in the Gap

Complete the “Where am I now” column, the “Where am I going” column, and finally *fill the Gap* by completing the “What do I need to fill in the Gap” column.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Where am I now?</b></p> <p>Current MOS: _____</p> <p><i>Use V-MET, Service Transcripts, and Professional Evaluations to complete this column.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What do I need to fill in the Gap?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Where am I going?</b></p> <p>Civilian Occupation: _____</p> <p><i>Use My Next Move for Veterans and O*Net to complete this column.</i></p>
<p>Experience and skills I have:</p>	<p>Experience and skills I need to obtain:</p>	<p>Experience and skills this occupation requires:</p>
<p>Education and training I have:</p>	<p>Education and training I need to obtain:</p>	<p>Education and training this occupation requires:</p>
<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I have:</p>	<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I need to obtain:</p>	<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) or any other requirements for this occupation:</p>

# GAP Analysis

## Part B: Assessing the Salary and Labor Market for the civilian occupation

After completing Part A: Filling in the Gap, complete the Labor Market Information (LMI) for the civilian occupation using My Next Move for Veterans.

### Location:

What is your preferred geographic location of relocation (city/state)?	
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### Salary:

What is the salary range for this occupation?	
What is the salary range for this occupation in my preferred location (city/state)?	
Does the salary range fit my requirements?	

### Job Outlook:

What is the outlook for this occupation in your preferred state?	
What geographic locations (city/state) has a better outlook?	
Where (city/state) would you be willing to relocate?	

### Final Analysis:

Based upon "Filling in the Gap", Salary, and Outlook, is this a good job to pursue?	
List two alternative jobs that you can explore to expand your options. If needed, repeat GAP Analysis with each alternative job.	

### My Next Steps, based upon Part A and B of Gap Analysis:

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# Gap Analysis

## Part A: Filling in the Gap

Complete the “Where am I now” column, the “Where am I going” column, and finally *fill the Gap* by completing the “What do I need to fill in the Gap” column.

<p align="center"><b>Where am I now?</b></p> <p>Current MOS: <u>6317 Aircraft Technician</u></p> <p><i>Use V-MET, JST, CCAF and Professional Evaluations to complete this column.</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>What do I need to fill in the Gap?</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Where am I going?</b></p> <p>Civilian Occupation: <u>Air Traffic Controller</u></p> <p><i>Use Mynextmove for Veterans and O*Net to complete this column.</i></p>
<p>Experience and skills I have:</p> <p>10 years. Installs, removes, inspects, tests, maintains, and repairs components, subsystems, and ancillary equipment on installed aircraft communications, navigation, and deceptive electronic countermeasures systems.</p>	<p>Experience and skills I need to obtain:</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Experience and skills this occupation requires:</p> <p>Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers.</p>
<p>Education and training I have:</p> <p>aviation maintenance integrated avionics systems communications/navigation maintenance Antenna Construction and Propagation of Radio Waves Communications Security See JST for additional information.</p>	<p>Education and training I need to obtain:</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Education and training this occupation requires:</p> <p>May require a background in the following (STEM) educational disciplines: Engineering — Agricultural Mechanics and Equipment/Machine Technology; Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician; Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance.</p>
<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I have:</p> <p>none.</p>	<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I need to obtain:</p> <p>12 certifications available on MyNextMove.</p>	<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) or any other requirements for this occupation:</p> <p>Varies by employment opportunity</p>

# GAP Analysis

## Part B: Assessing the Salary and Labor Market for the civilian occupation

After completing Part A: Filling in the Gap, complete the Labor Market Information (LMI) for the civilian occupation using My Next Move for Veterans.

### Location:

What is your preferred geographic location of relocation (city/state)?	Virginia
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### Salary:

What is the salary range for this occupation?	\$56,990 National \$27.40 hourly wages
What is the salary range for this occupation in my preferred location (city/state)?	\$59,100
Does the salary range fit my requirements?	Yes

### Job Outlook:

What is the outlook for this occupation in your preferred state?	Low - 2%
What geographic locations (city/state) has a better outlook?	ND – 43% MT – 33.4%
Where (city/state) would you be willing to relocate?	Both, depending on opportunity

### Final Analysis:

Based upon “Filling in the Gap”, Salary, and Outlook, is this a good job to pursue?	Yes
List two alternative jobs that you can explore to expand your options. If needed, repeat GAP Analysis with each alternative job.	Mechanical Engineering Technician Ship Engineer

### My Next Steps, based upon Part A and B of Gap Analysis:

Schedule an appointment to evaluate credits with Education office. Register and attend Career Technical Track.
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## Gap Analysis

### Part A: Filling in the Gap

Complete the "Where am I now" column, the "Where am I going" column, and finally *fill the Gap* by completing the "What do I need to fill in the Gap" column.

<b>Where am I now?</b>	<b>What do I need to fill in the Gap?</b>	<b>Where am I going?</b>
<p>Current MOS: <u>0402 Logistics Officer</u></p> <p><i>Use V-MET, JST, CCAF and Professional Evaluations to complete this column.</i></p>		<p>Civilian Occupation: <u>Logistics Manager</u></p> <p><i>Use Mynextmove for Veterans and O*Net to complete this column.</i></p>
<p>Experience and skills I have: 17 years logistics and management experience. Development, procurement, allowances, distribution, repair and salvage of supplies and equipment; embarkation and transportation; procurement; operation and maintenance of facilities and utilities and organization and training of logistic support units.</p>	<p>Experience and skills I need to obtain:</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Experience and skills this occupation requires:</p> <p>8 years or more of related experience</p>
<p>Education and training I have:</p> <p>Bachelors degree Logistics Management Maintenance Management Motor transportation operations Logistics Planning See OER /JST for addl information</p>	<p>Education and training I need to obtain:</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Education and training this occupation requires:</p> <p>Bachelor's degree in business, logistics, supply chain or related field; Master's degree preferred.</p>
<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I have:</p> <p>Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)</p>	<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) I need to obtain:</p> <p>Over 20 certifications for Logistics Managers found on MyNextMove.</p>	<p>Credentials (licenses, certifications, apprenticeships) or any other requirements for this occupation:</p> <p>Varies by employment opportunity</p>

# GAP Analysis

## Part B: Assessing the Salary and Labor Market for the civilian occupation

After completing Part A: Filling in the Gap, complete the Labor Market Information (LMI) for the civilian occupation using My Next Move for Veterans.

### Location:

What is your preferred geographic location of relocation (city/state)?	Texas
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### Salary:

What is the salary range for this occupation?	\$85,400 National \$41.06 hourly wages
What is the salary range for this occupation in my preferred location (city/state)?	\$86,200
Does the salary range fit my requirements?	Yes

### Job Outlook:

What is the outlook for this occupation in your preferred state?	TX has a bright outlook at 20.6%
What geographic locations (city/state) has a better outlook?	N/A (Guam – 37.8% but smaller base of employment opportunities)
Where (city/state) would you be willing to relocate to?	TX

### Final Analysis:

Based upon “Filling in the Gap”, Salary, and Outlook, is this a good job to pursue?	Yes
List two alternative jobs that you can explore to expand your options. If needed, repeat GAP Analysis with each alternative job.	Purchasing Manager Logistics Analysts

### My Next Steps, based upon Part A and B of Gap Analysis:

Research employment and networking opportunities in TX.
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## **Veterans are a great fit for agriculture.**

American agriculture is only as strong as the next generation of farmers, ranchers, and workers in the food, agriculture, natural resource, and environment industries. If you are thinking about farming as a post-service career, there has never been a more important time to get involved in agriculture. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) can help get you started and achieve success in this rewarding industry.

As a military veteran, your leadership training, skills, and perspective make you the right fit to help America meet the challenges of producing food and strengthening our rural and urban communities. Feeding a growing global population demands a 70 percent increase in food production by 2050. USDA wants you to be a part of the next generation feeding the Nation and the world, and we can connect you to the resources and help you need to get there.

### **What do I do first?**

Many farmers say that farming is not only a job, but a lifestyle that is both demanding and rewarding. Come visit us at [www.usda.gov/veterans](http://www.usda.gov/veterans) to read more about beginning a farming or ranching career and to see if it is the right fit for you. This website can also connect you to a local USDA Service Center where you can speak to someone about farming and USDA programs.

### **Where does USDA come in?**

USDA is making our current programs and resources work better to help new and beginning farmers and ranchers, including veterans, who are interested in beginning a farming or ranching career. Visit us at [www.usda.gov/veterans](http://www.usda.gov/veterans) to learn about preferences and incentives for veterans in our programs, and to learn about other veteran farmers' stories.

USDA can help you start and stay in agriculture. USDA can serve you in the following ways:

- Technical assistance: USDA can connect you to technical assistance and the latest information and research to equip you with the skills to start or manage a farm.
- Capital for land, livestock, seed and related operating expenses: USDA can help you with your capital needs by making and guaranteeing loans.
- Expanding business: USDA can help you expand your business through value-added agricultural products, high tunnels that extend the growing season, local food markets, and export opportunities.
- Managing risk: Agriculture is a market and weather dependent industry, and USDA can help you plan for risk, protect your farm from risk, and recover from disasters.
- Improve the quality of the land: Farmers and ranchers understand that the land is a resource to be protected and enhanced. USDA has programs to help producers plan, implement, and maintain their conservation practices.

In addition to helping veterans begin a farming or ranching career, USDA programs also support access to nutritious meals, affordable housing, and youth and family resources.

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- **Verification of Military Training and Experience (VMET):** To download a copy of the Service members VMET [www.dmdc.osd.mil/vmet](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/vmet)
- **Joint Service Transcript:** To request an official copy of the JST to be sent directly to the school or obtain an unofficial copy.  
<https://jst.doded.mil/>
- **Community College of the Air Force (CCAF):** To request an official copy to be sent directly to the school or obtain an unofficial copy of the CCAF transcript.  
<http://www.au.af.mil/ccaf/transcripts.asp>
- **Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL)**  
Army: [www.cool.army.mil](http://www.cool.army.mil)  
Navy: [www.cool.navy.mil](http://www.cool.navy.mil)  
Air Force: <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Public/COOL/Default.aspx>  
Marines: [www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/index.htm](http://www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/index.htm)
- **O\*NET My Next Move:** A resource to help you to research occupations, determine existing skills and find careers using those skills.  
<http://www.mynextmove.org>
- **Veterans Employment Center (VEC):** An online source for connecting veterans with employers who are seeking to hire veterans. Provides resources for translating your skills and a resume builder using LinkedIn.  
<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>