

LABOR MARKET RESEARCH WORKSHEET

Name: _____ Member ID#: _____ Date: _____

Goal: Labor market research is a tool to help you make decisions about your job search. As discussed in the orientation, this research is critical to understanding if there are employers seeking your skills. Completing this worksheet should help you make more informed job searching decisions about your current skills and occupation.

Requirement: As part of your job search requirement, you need to conduct labor market research on your current occupation. Please complete this form and bring it with you to the REA review session and/or your appointment with a career advisor.

Sources: There are various websites you can browse to find the labor market information concerning your occupation. You will find some listed below. Please check all of the websites you visited when completing this worksheet (you only have to **visit one** but you can visit them all if you want). Use the information you find to answer the questions on this document (front and back) and/or bring in the printed information from the websites that you found about your occupation.

Websites:

- Mass Career Information System:
username: **Your Career Center** Password: **Your Career Center** <http://masscis.intocareers.org/>
- O*Net: www.onetonline.org/
- America's Career Information Network: www.acinet.org/occ_intro.asp
- US Bureau of Labor & Statistics- **click on Publications tab at top of home page, and then click on Occupational Outlook Handbook** www.bls.gov/
- My Skills My Future: www.myskillsmyfuture.org/
- My Next Move: www.mynextmove.org
- TORQ: See staff for authorized access
- Other website: _____
- Other sources: Career Exploration Workshops, Job Ads, Trade Magazines, Informational Interviews, Newspapers and Networking

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Answer the questions below based on your labor market research.

1. **Primary Occupation Title** (please note-not all occupational titles will be listed on these websites; pick the title that is the closest match to your occupation).

2. What is the **salary range** (if no range then just list **median wage**)?

\$ _____ to \$ _____ **per hour** or **annual** (circle one).

3. **Are opportunities in this occupation** (in the state you are looking for work):

Check the Appropriate Box **Increasing** **Decreasing**

(This information will usually be found in a section labeled employment outlook/employment trends/job outlook-if the number does not have a negative sign in front of it- then the occupation is increasing):

3a. **By what percent** (number found in the employment outlook/employment trends/job outlook section)?

_____ %

4. **How many jobs are available annually in your occupation** (found in same section as question 3)?

5. **Based on your research, do you possess the appropriate certifications, licenses, or credentials for this occupation:** **YES** **NO**

5a. **If you answered NO to question 5**, what certification, licenses, or credentials do you lack to be reemployed in this field?

6. **Why do you think you have been unable to become reemployed in your occupation?**

7. **Other pertinent labor market information about your occupation.**