**what’s new**

**Competency Model Clearinghouse: Site Redesigned and New Model Launched for Water Sector**

The Competency Model Clearinghouse (CMC) site within CareerOneStop has been redesigned with a new look, easier navigation, and new features. The Users Showcase is a new feature presenting Competency Models in Action. These case summaries provide examples of how business, educators, and the workforce investment system partners are using industry competency models to address their workforce challenges. The Users Showcase also includes Case-In-Point stories, which are now searchable by Use, Keyword, Industry, and State. In addition, CMC users can now sign up for an RSS feed about new content and features, and select to share the CMC with friends on Facebook.

A new competency model for the Water Sector has been launched on the CMC, bringing the total number of industry models to 15. Please view the new Water Sector Model on the redesigned CMC at www.CareerOneStop.org/CompetencyModel/default.aspx.

**O*NET OnLine Now Identifies “Bright Outlook” Occupations**

These occupations are expected to grow rapidly in the next several years, will have large numbers of job openings, or are new and emerging occupations. View a list of all Bright Outlook occupations.

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**spotlight**

**Curious about “Green Jobs?”**

There’s a lot of buzz about Green Jobs. But job seekers, students, and even workforce professionals can find it difficult to define exactly what a green job is, what skills are needed, and what kind of training is available.

In 2009, O*NET investigated the impact of green economic activities on occupations and job duties, and identified a list of 200+ green occupations. Explore these findings in CareerOneStop's new Green Careers section (www.CareerOneStop.org/GreenCareers.)

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Explore Green Careers

Visit CareerOneStop’s Green Careers section (www.CareerOneStop.org/GreenCareers) to find answers to questions about green jobs, skills, and training.

What exactly is a green job?
Jobs are considered “green” when they are impacted by green economic trends like conserving energy, developing alternative energy, reducing pollution, or recycling. For some jobs, this may mean that demand will increase. For others, it may mean that the work activities will change, or even that a whole new job will be created. Select What Are Green Careers? to learn about the three different types of green jobs identified by the Occupational Information Network (O*NET).

Which green careers are expected to grow the fastest — how much do they pay?
Select National Employment Growth to view employment trend and wage information for more than 200 green careers. You’ll find the expected employment growth as well as average earnings for each occupation.

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Where are training programs in my local area that can help me land a job in a green career?
Select Find Education and Training, and then click on the level of the education and training you are interested in. You'll see a chart of occupations. From there, Find Short-Term Training or Find College Programs will link you to programs at schools near you. If certifications or licenses are common, you’ll see a green checkmark that leads to more details.
**solutions**

Get Ready for the 2010-11 School Year with CareerOneStop’s Financial Aid Advisor (www.CareerOneStop.org/FinAidAdvisor)

Get complete, updated, and customized information about financial aid for the 2010-11 academic year with CareerOneStop’s Financial Aid Advisor. The newly updated tool allows you to:

- Estimate your Expected Family Contribution and eligible Pell Grant amounts
- Access the latest information on federal grant programs, student loans, state assistance, colleges and training providers, tax credits and deductions, and federal training opportunities
- Find and apply for scholarships available in your state

**other resources**

Job Seeker Tools

Visit CareerOneStop’s Tools for America’s Job Seekers (www.CareerOneStop.org/JobSeekerTools) to browse more than 600 online job and career tools. More than 16,000 public users submitted and rated these tools during the U.S. Department of Labor’s Tools for America’s Job Seekers Challenge.

Find the best online tools for your needs in six categories:

- General Job Boards
- Niche Job Boards
- Career Planning Tools
- Career Exploration Tools
- Social Media Job Search
- Other Tools

**connections**

Check out free Webinars, podcasts, and courses at:

[www.Workforce3One.org](http://www.Workforce3One.org)

- An Overview of BLS Projections to 2018
- Health Care and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries
- Real Time Jobs in Demand: Finding Jobs in a Contracting Economy

[www.OnetAcademy.com](http://www.OnetAcademy.com)

- O*NET Career Exploration Tools Overview
- Value of O*NET

The Career Voyages Web site will close on March 31, 2010. After that time, students, parents, career changers, and career advisors will still be able to explore careers and learn about training and education opportunities at CareerOneStop and O*NET OnLine.