what’s new

U.S. Department of Labor’s Career Videos for America’s Job Seekers Challenge Continues
The Challenge has collected dozens of career videos highlighting work in fifteen occupation categories. Beginning today, you can vote for your favorite video in each category — the winning videos receive $1,000 each and the entire collection will be used to inform workers, students and others on what it takes to succeed in growing industries.

Visit www.dolvideochallenge.ideascale.com to review the videos and cast your vote; voting ends December 31, 2010 and the winners will be announced by January 14, 2011.

mySkills myFuture in Spanish
Visit www.mySkillsmyFuture.org and select “Translate” to view a Spanish-language version of the skills matching and job search website. The site allows job seekers and other career changers to match their current skills to new careers, find local training programs, and view and apply for open jobs.

mySkills myFuture Features Available as Web Services
Many key mySkills myFuture features are now available via web services for seamless integration into any website. Read more on page 3, or visit www.CareerOneStop.org/WebServices for details on available services.

spotlight
Help for Veterans and Transitioning Service Members
The mySkills myFuture website helps job seekers find new occupations to explore based on the skills and experience they gained in past jobs. Users can learn about transferable skills, locate local training opportunities, and view and apply for open jobs.

But what about job seekers who gained valuable skills and experience while serving in the military? They can also take advantage of mySkills my Future — by adding one extra step to include their military occupation experience.

Read more on page 2.
Finding a good civilian job is often a top priority for returning service members. They’ve gained valuable skills and experience in the military, but it can be hard to find out how to best build on that experience in a civilian career.

Veterans and service members can use CareerOneStop’s Military-to-Civilian Occupation Translator to identify civilian careers that require similar skills as their military occupations.

At the Military-to-Civilian Occupation Translator (www.CareerOneStop.org/MOC) users can enter a Military Occupation Code (MOC) or keywords related to their service duties, and they’ll find similar civilian career(s). From there, they can link to related information about those careers, or they can visit www.mySkillsmyFuture.org to find even more civilian careers to explore. This can be particularly helpful for service members who don’t want to continue on in exactly the same career path they followed in the military.

At mySkills myFuture (www.mySkillsmyFuture.org), users can enter a civilian career they identified using the Military-to-Civilian Occupation Translator. Once they enter this career title in the search box (see picture at right), they find a list of 20 additional careers that require similar skills and experience as the one they entered.

From this list, users can quickly compare these careers based on typical wages or typical training levels, and they can link to additional details about any of the careers on the list. They can also enter their state or ZIP code to find local training opportunities to prepare them for those specific careers, as well as to view and apply for jobs in their area.

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solutions

CareerOneStop Web Services allow you to obtain a wide variety of career, employment, and education data directly from CareerOneStop and deliver it in your own style to your own web customers. Benefits include:

- Access to a wide range of quality-controlled data sets
- Seamless integration of new data into your existing website
- Reduced website maintenance costs

Now CareerOneStop offers Web Services to a variety of mySkills myFuture features. Visit www.CareerOneStop.org/WebServices for more information about the following options:

- Find occupation titles and codes by keyword
- Find occupation matches
- Get occupation summary
- Identify skill and knowledge gaps between two occupations
- Find education and training programs by occupation and state or ZIP code
- Find education and training programs by knowledge and state or ZIP code
- Find national certifications by occupation
- Get occupation certification details
- Find occupational licenses by occupation and state
- Get occupational licensing details
- Find apprenticeship sponsors by occupation and state

other resources

You may qualify for training programs funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act.

The federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) offers a comprehensive range of workforce development activities through state and local organizations. The purpose of these activities is to increase the employment, job retention, earnings, and occupational skills of participants.

If you’ve been laid off from a job, contact your local One-Stop Career Center to see if you qualify for WIA training. You can also research programs available through your state’s Workforce Investment Program at www.ServiceLocator.org/WIA.

coming soon

Need help with education financing? CareerOneStop’s Financial Aid Advisor can help you determine which types of funding you or your child are eligible for. Changes in eligibility rules may offer new options this year. Explore these with the Financial Aid Advisor at www.CareerOneStop.org/FinAidAdvisor.