Tools for Career Exploration

California Labor Market Information

- **California Occupational Guides** Provides summary and detailed descriptions of more than 300 occupations or groups of related occupations with local and statewide wage and trend information (CA & L). www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides
- **Occupation Profile** Data includes wages, outlook, job openings by ZIP code, 15 top industries, skills, tasks, training sources, and comparison with another occupation (CA & L). www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/cgi/databrowsing/occExplorerQSSelection.asp?menuChoice=occExplorer
- **Projections of Employment by Occupation and Industry** Research changes in industry and occupational employment over time resulting from industry growth, technological change, and other factors (CA & L). http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Content.asp?pageid=145
- **Staffing Patterns by Industry and Occupation** Explore the industries that employ various occupations (CA). www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/iomatrix/staffing-patterns1.asp
- **Toolbox for Job Seekers** Provides resources for California job seekers to assist in their job search, career exploration, and training needs (CA, L, & N).

 http://www.calmis.ca.gov/specialreports/Toolbox for Job Seekers.pdf
- **Vocations for Vets** A tool for veterans who are reentering the civilian workforce by identifying occupations and profiles that share many of the same knowledge and skill requirements as those found in the most common military occupations. Includes wage, staffing pattern, skill, and real-time job information. Tailored for the Northern California, Southern California, and the Los Angeles/Ventura regions (CA & L). www.labormarketinfo.ca.gov/Content.asp?pageid=1026
- **Wages for Occupations** Current State and regional wages for 700 occupations, organized by geographical area (CA & L). www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/?pageid=1009
- **WorkSmart** Guide to résumé writing, interviewing, job seeking and retention skills as well as basic information about 50 entry-level occupations. Delivered in an easy-to-understand, multimedia style (CA). www.worksmart.ca.gov

Career Pathways

- **ASVAB Career Exploration Program** Career program designed to encourage an increase in students' self-knowledge and its application to civilian and military occupational characteristics. Developed by the U.S. Department of Defense (N). www.asvabprogram.com
- **California Career Café** A career information website that includes career assessments to identify job seekers' unique strengths, talents, and styles (CA). www.cacareercafe.com

- **California Career Zone** A career exploration and planning system designed for students. Includes Interest Profiler, Work importance Profiler, and self-assessments to guide students on their career pathways (CA). www.cacareerzone.org
- **California Reality Check** Use this interactive tool to explore the cost of your desired lifestyle and the occupations that can make it possible (CA). www.californiarealitycheck.com/
- **mySkills myFuture** A website primarily designed for displaced job seekers looking to match their occupational skills and experiences with the in-demand skills of today's labor market to build career lattices (CA & N). www.myskillsmyfuture.org
- **Who Do U Want 2B?** A website that includes information on California high school and community college courses, career options, and financial assistance (CA). <u>whodouwant2b.com/</u>

Comprehensive

- **California Career Planning Guide** Introduces career planning steps of self-assessment. Research the world of work, identify education and training needs, and create a Career Action Plan (CA). www.californiacareers.info/ccpg.html
- **CareerOneStop** Tools include job banks for every state, résumé writing, interviewing, and military transition information (N). <u>www.careeronestop.org</u>
- **My Next Move** An interactive tool designed to give job seekers and students information about available career options. The site includes information on tasks, skills, wages, job listings, and more for over 900 different careers (CA & N). www.mynextmove.org/
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook** National trend and wage information, training and education requirements, what workers do on the job, and working conditions (N). <u>www.bls.gov/oco</u>
- Occupational Outlook Quarterly Practical information on a wide variety of career-related topics, such as emerging occupations, training opportunities, salary trends, and new study results from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (N). www.bls.gov/opub/oog/ooghome.htm
- **O*NET OnLine** Describes knowledge, skills, abilities, work activities, and more for each occupation (N). http://online.onetcenter.org
- **The Real Game California** Interactive tool that offers information on employment opportunities, salaries, housing prices, learning facilities, and other California-specific market conditions in a series of simulated group game sessions (CA). <u>realgamecalifornia.org/</u>

Job Banks

CalJOBSSM Lists California job openings. Job seekers may create and post résumés. Employers may list jobs (CA & L). www.caljobs.ca.gov

- **Job Central** Chosen by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies to replace America's Job Bank (CA, L, & N). www.jobcentral.com
- **Job Search Tips** Expanded list of job banks (CA, L, & N). www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides/JobSearchTips.pdf
- **USA Jobs** The federal government's official online job board, this website allows job seekers to upload or create résumés as well as search for federal government jobs across the country (CA & N). www.usajobs.gov

Military

- **Got Your 6** A website for a campaign led by the entertainment industry that focuses on the six pillars of reintegration jobs, education, housing, health, family, and leadership in order to set up military veterans for success in civilian life (N). www.gotyour6.org
- **Military Transition** Links to key services for veterans and transitioning military personnel (CA & L). www.careeronestop.org/militarytransition
- **My Next Move for Veterans** An interactive tool designed to assist veterans learning about their civilian career options. The site includes information on tasks, skills, wages, job listings, and more for over 900 different careers (CA & N). www.mynextmove.org/vets/
- **National Resource Directory** A website that connects wounded warriors, service members, veterans, their families, and caregivers to various programs and support services. Includes information on benefits and compensation, education and training, and employment opportunities (N). www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov

Databases & Directories

- **Certification Finder** Search for occupational certifications by name or by the name of the organization that issues the certification (CA, L, & N). www.acinet.org/acinet/certifications_new/default.aspx
- **Licensed Occupations** Search for occupational licensing requirements by state, occupation, or agency (CA, L, & N). www.acinet.org/acinet/licensedoccupations/lois keyword.asp?nodeid=16&by=keyword
- **Find Apprenticeship Programs** A searchable database of formal apprenticeship programs in California. Information available by county and occupation (CA & L). www.dir.ca.gov/databases/das/aigstart.asp
- **Find Training Providers** Search by field of study or training provider name (CA & L). www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/?pageid=1013
- **O*NET Code Connector** Link the varied job titles used in the world of work to the official classifications used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in data collection for wages and outlook (N). www.O*NETcodeconnector.org