



# FACT SHEET

## Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)



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Army Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is a web site that provides information on how Soldiers (enlisted and Warrant Officers) can fulfill the requirements for civilian certifications and licenses related to their military occupational specialties (MOS).

### COOL:

- Provides background information about civilian certification and licensure.
- Identifies licenses and certificates relevant to Army MOSs.
- Describes how to fill any gaps between Army training and experience and civilian credentialing requirements.
- Provides information on resources available to Soldiers to facilitate credentialing.

### COOL serves a variety of audiences, including:

- Soldiers who want to find out what civilian credentials apply to their MOS and how to obtain the credentials.
- Education, Career/Retention and Transition Counselors who provide guidance on educational, professional growth, and career opportunities and requirements.
- Army Recruiters who want to demonstrate to potential recruits the opportunities for professional growth and civilian career preparation provided in the Army.
- Employers and Credentialing Boards interested in learning about how military training and experience prepares Soldiers for civilian credentials and jobs.

### Schedule

The COOL web site went live on 15 April 2002. Warrant Officer MOSs were added in April 2009. Development of some site areas will continue until the analyses comparing civilian credentialing requirements with Army training are completed. COOL is maintained so that it stays up-to-date.

### Related Facts

- The Army has identified civilian credentials related to 100 percent of its enlisted and Warrant Officer MOSs. Some of these credentials are directly related to the MOS and others are related to embedded skills attained by the Soldier through Army training and experience.
- Congress passed legislation that allows servicemembers and veterans to use the Montgomery GI Bill to pay for up to \$2,000 in licensure and certification exam fees.
- In 2006, the Army and Navy entered into a memorandum of agreement allowing the Navy to use the underlying database developed by the Army to create its own COOL web site. Navy COOL went live in the spring of 2006 and is located on the Web at <https://www.cool.navy.mil>.