

Certified Quality Auditor

Associated Industries: Architecture and Construction | Business, Management, & Administration | Life, Physical, and Social Science (STEM) | Manufacturing

Description and Labor Market Information

A Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) is a professional that knows and employs the standards and principles associated with auditing. A CQA is capable of using various evaluation techniques to identify a production system's strengths and weaknesses in quality control.

This credential was associated with 9 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 25,734 positions with 3,158 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of \$30.52.

Sample Occupations

Customer Service Representatives

Median Hourly Earnings: \$17.33

Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent

Total Positions: 8,120

Annual Job Openings: 1,147

First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers

Median Hourly Earnings: \$28.75

Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent

Total Positions: 1,402

Annual Job Openings: 149

Compliance Officers

Median Hourly Earnings: \$33.05

Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Bachelor's degree

Total Positions: 1,729

Annual Job Openings: 167

Certifying Entity Information

American Society for Quality

Website: www.asq.org

Phone: (800) 248-1946

Local Availability:

Prometric Testing Center or Online

Exam Details

Age Requirement: N/A

Coursework/Hours to Complete: 8 years of full-time work experience or less combined with education

Length of Certification Validity: 3 years

Exam Cost: \$498

Exam Time: 5 hours, 30 min.

Number of Questions: 150

Pass Rate: N/A

PROMISING CREDENTIALS IN HAWAII

This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, University of Hawaii P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawaii can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawaii. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawaii students for future careers and long-term success?

Promising Credentials in Hawaii, a first-of-its-kind analysis for our state, looks at whether the credentials students can earn actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawaii businesses, this project has identified **137 Promising Credentials** that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying **274 Promising Occupations** that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 274 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawaii employers from across the state completed surveys and participated in focus groups to narrow the list of nearly 2,000 credentials down to the 137 credentials they say matter most when making hiring and promotion decisions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at www.HawaiiCareerPathways.org.