EPA Type II Certification
Associated Industries: Architecture and Construction

Description and Labor Market Information
This certification is required for servicing and disposing of high or very high-pressure cooling units that contain five or more pounds of refrigerant (excluding small appliances and MVACs).

This credential was associated with 3 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 11,702 positions with 1,210 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of $29.01.

Sample Occupations

Maintenance and Repair Workers
Median Hourly Earnings: $21.95
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
Total Positions: 7,669
Annual Job Openings: 801

First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers
Median Hourly Earnings: $36.20
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
Total Positions: 2,845
Annual Job Openings: 275

Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics, and Installers
Median Hourly Earnings: $28.88
Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
Total Positions: 1,188
Annual Job Openings: 134

Certifying Entity Information
EPA
Website: www.epa.gov
Phone: (202) 272-0167
Local Availability: Prometric Testing Center

Exam Details
Age Requirement: N/A
Coursework/Hours to Complete: None
Length of Certification Validity: N/A
Exam Cost: $25
Exam Time: 3 hours
Number of Questions: 80
Pass Rate: N/A
This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawai‘i, University of Hawai‘i P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawai‘i 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 Hawai‘i. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawai‘i students for future careers and long-term success?

Promising Credentials in Hawai‘i, 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 Hawai‘i 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, Hawai‘i 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.