

MCL Applicant Training Guide

CareerSource Florida Master Credentials List Interface, Database and Reporting

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1.0 MASTER CREDENTIAL LIST APPLICATION SUMMARY

The Master Credentials List (MCL)

The Master Credentials List, required by the Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act, is a comprehensive list of state-approved degree and non-degree credentials of value that prepare Floridians for in-demand occupations. The Florida Credentials Review Committee established the following definition for credentials of value: Any credential defined in Chapter 14.36(2)(a), Florida Statutes, that also satisfies the criteria set forth in the Framework of Quality, which includes demand, wage and sequencing criteria.

The Master Credentials List serves as a public and transparent inventory of state-approved credentials of value, directs the use of federal and state funds for workforce education and training programs that lead to approved credentials of value, and guides workforce education and training programs by informing the public of the credentials that have value in the current or future job market.

Applying for Inclusion on the MCL

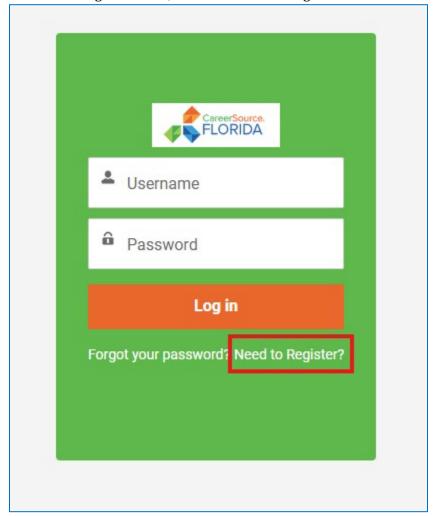
The Master Credentials List application is open year-round for Florida school districts, Florida College System institutions and local workforce development boards to submit credentials for consideration for the Master Credentials List. The following types of credentials may be submitted for consideration via the application: Advanced Technical Certificates, career certificates, college credit certificates, industry certifications, Registered Apprenticeship certificates, licenses, Applied Technology Diplomas, Associate in Applied Science degrees, and Associate in Science degrees. Credentials submitted through the online application will be evaluated against the Framework of Quality and considered by the Credentials Review Committee for inclusion on the Master Credentials List on a quarterly basis.

2.0 SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

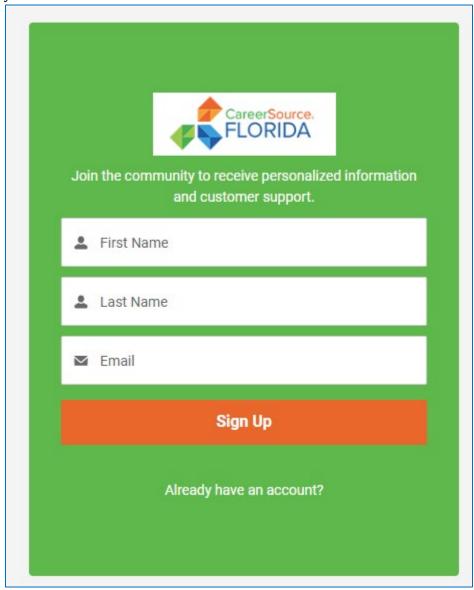
2.1 Gaining access to the MCL Application

New Users

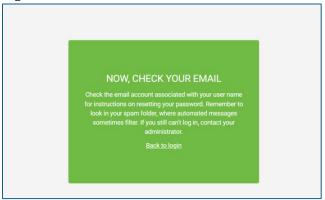
- Visit the application Sign-in page: Application Sign In
- Under the "Log in" button, click the "Need to Register?" link:



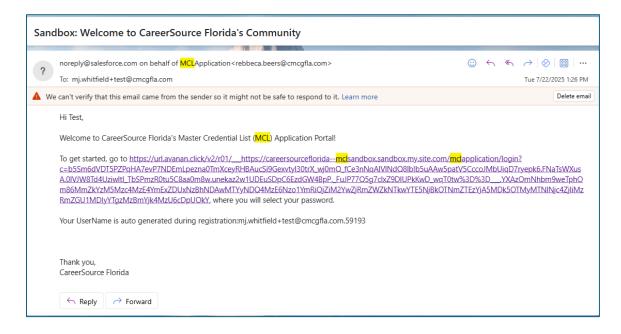
• Fill in your name and email, then click "Sign Up". Your login credentials will be sent to the email you fill in here:



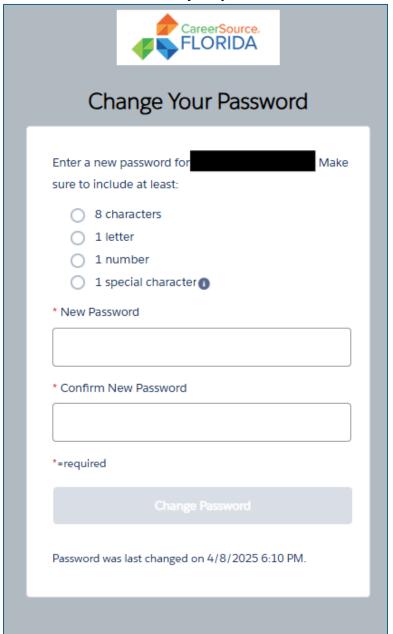
 A confirmation box will appear that tells you to check your email address to complete the registration



• After a short time (usually 2-3 minutes, but can take up to 30 minutes), you will receive an email with the subject "Welcome to CareerSource Florida's Community". Follow the link provided in the email to create your password. This email will also contain your email address which you will use in future logins.



Follow the instructions to set your password:



• Once your password is set, you will be taken to the MCL Application home page.

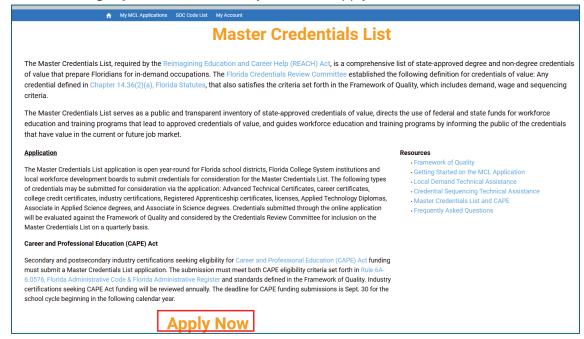
Returning Users

- Visit the application Sign-in page: Application Sign In
- Fill in your username (your email used to request access) and your password, then click "Log in"
- You will be taken to the MCL Application home page.

2.2 Submitting an Application

Navigating to the Applications

- Log in and access the MCL Application home page.
- After reviewing any resources necessary, click the "Apply Now" button at the bottom of the page:



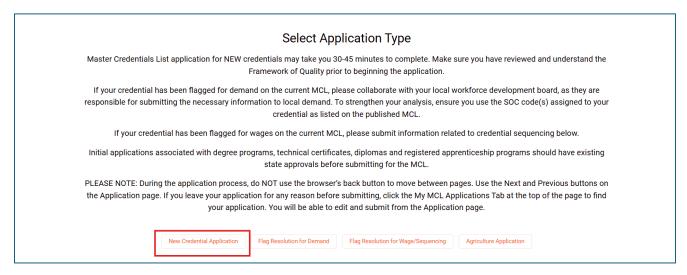
- If needed, review the Current Master Credential List (MCL) by clicking the link on the page.
- Navigate to the application selection page by clicking "Start Application":



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New Credential Applications

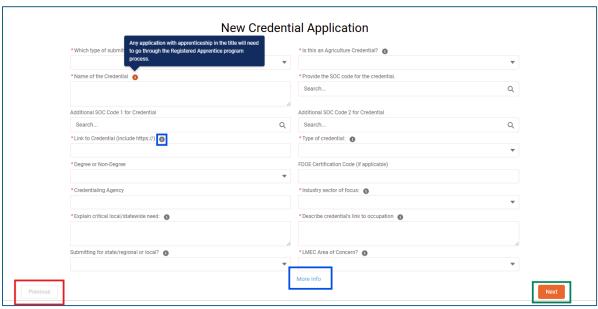
In order to pass review for addition to the MCL, a credential as defined in <u>Chapter 14.36(2)(a)</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u> must satisfy the criteria set forth in the Framework of Quality, which includes demand, wage and sequencing criteria. Use the "New Credential Application" button to begin an application.



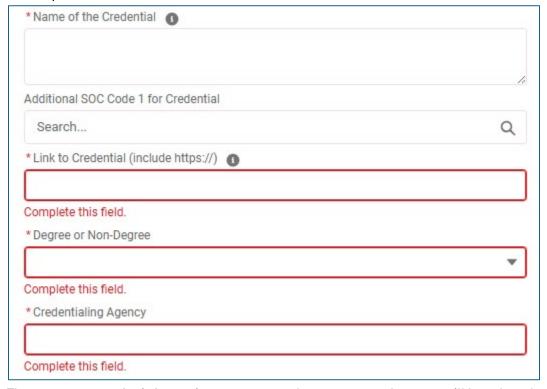
- You will be taken to the application pages to fill in information regarding your credential for consideration by the review committee
- Fill in the information in the provided boxes. Take note of the instructions and information links available to you on the page.
- Use your best judgement to give answers regarding your credential, if you have any questions use the **help icons** or **information links**.
- If at any time you need to go to a previous page on the application, DO NOT USE THE BROWSER BACK BUTTON. Instead use the "Previous" button provided at the bottom of the page.

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 When you have finished a specific page, click the "Next" button at the bottom of the page to advance.

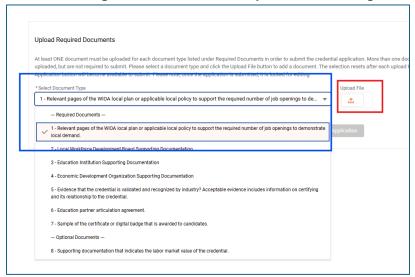


• If all required fields have not been filled, the application will not advance and will prompt you to add required information

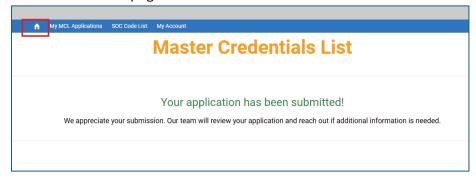


- There are 5 pages for information entry, once those are complete you will be taken the "Upload Required Documents" page.
- PLEASE NOTE: The required documents page does not have a previous button. Please input all required information before advancing to the required documents page.

- At least ONE document must be uploaded for each document type listed under Required
 Documents in order to submit the credential application. More than one document may be
 uploaded for each document type, and documents listed as Optional may be uploaded, but are
 not required to submit.
- Select the document type with the dropdown list on the Left, and then use the "Upload File" button on the right to choose a file from your PC file manager:

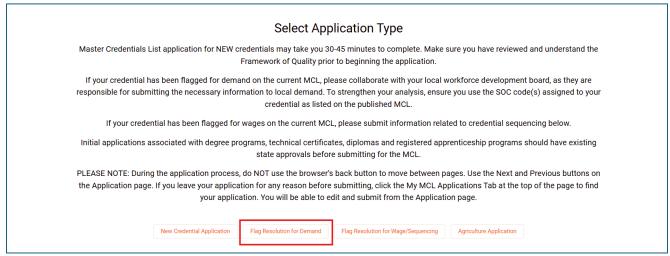


- Your uploaded documents will be displayed in the "Uploaded Documents" section.
- Once all required documents are uploaded, the Submit Application button will be available to click.
- After clicking submit application, you will be taken to the success screen. Use the **home** icon to return to the home page



Flag Resolution for Demand

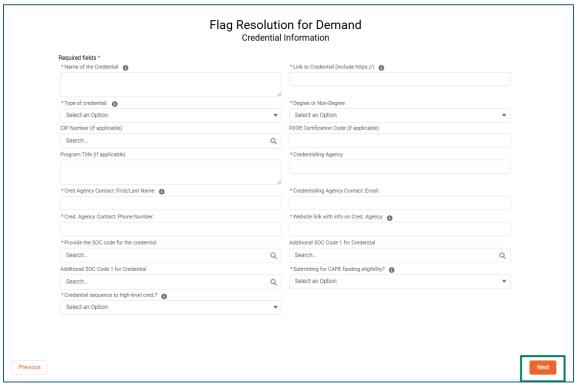
If your credential has been flagged for demand on the current MCL, please collaborate with your local workforce development board, as they are responsible for submitting the necessary information to local demand. To strengthen your analysis, ensure you use the SOC code(s) assigned to your credential as listed on the published MCL. Use the "Flag Resolution for Demand" button to start this process.



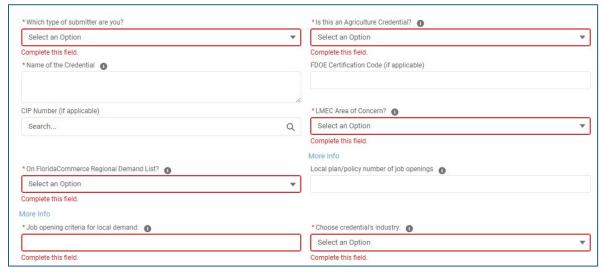
- You will be taken to the application pages to fill in information regarding your local demand.
- Fill in the information in the provided boxes. Take note of the instructions and information links available to you on the page.
- Use your best judgement to give answers regarding your credential, if you have any questions use the **help icons** or **information links**.

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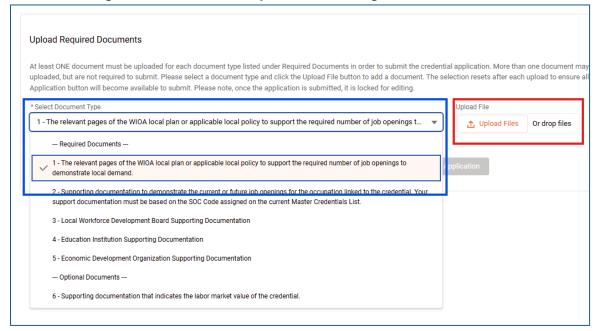


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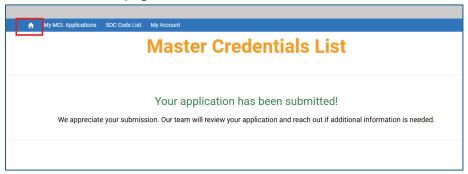


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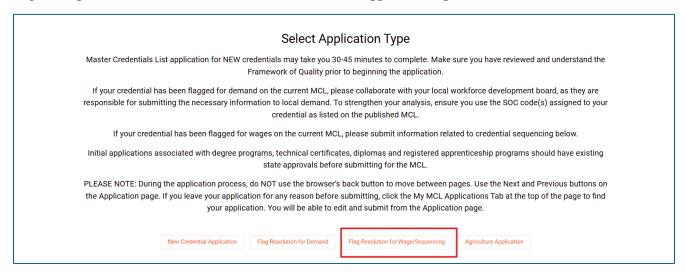


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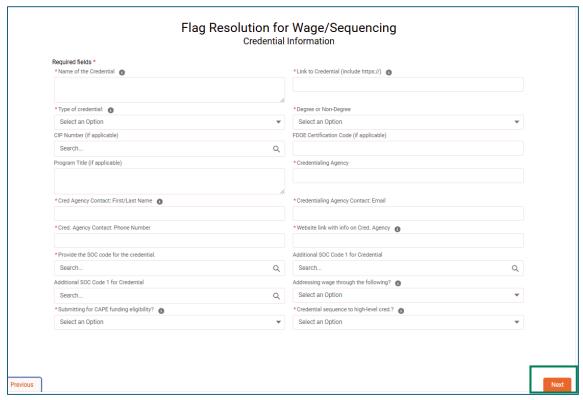
Use the "Flag Resolution for Wage/Sequencing" button to begin the process of submitting credential sequencing information for credentials that have been flagged for wages.



- You will be taken to the application pages to fill in information regarding your credential for consideration by the review committee
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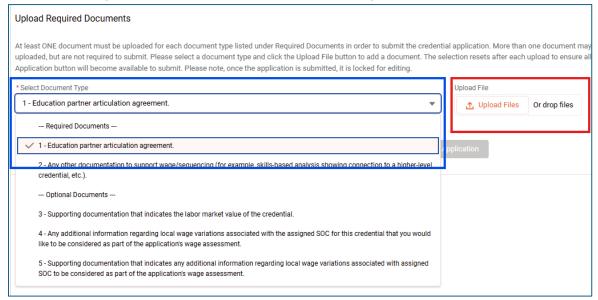


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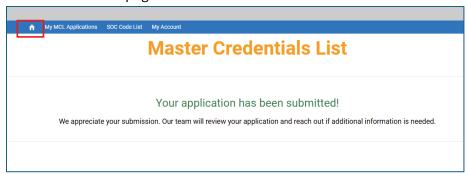


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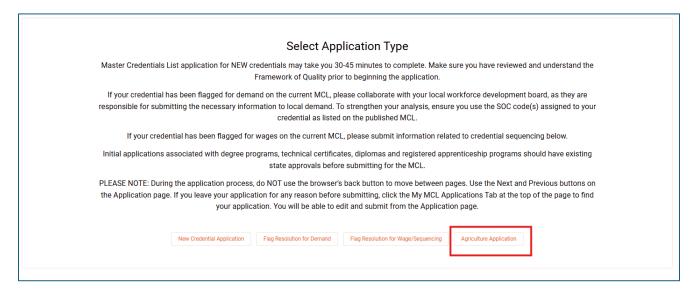


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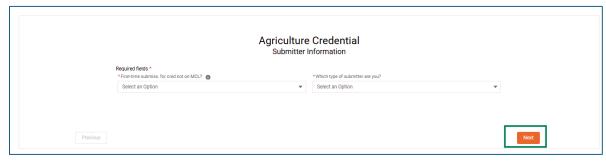


Agriculture Application

Use the "Agriculture Application" button for credential applications specific to an agricultural SOC Code.

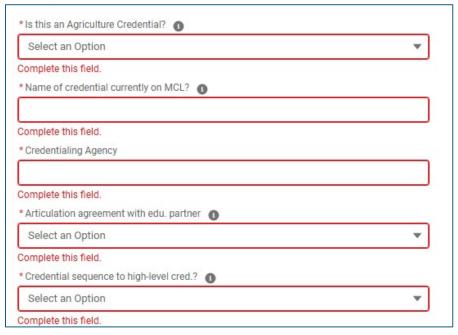


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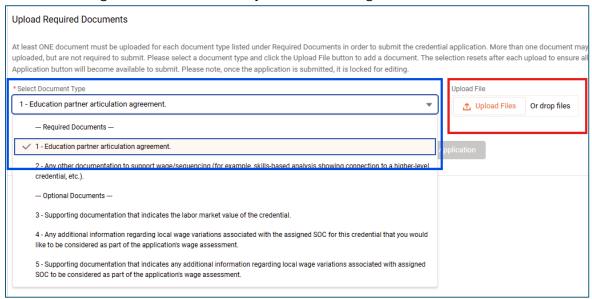
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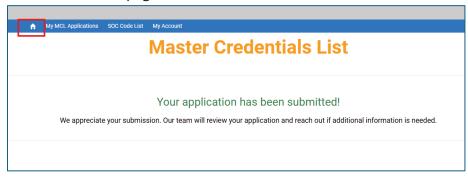


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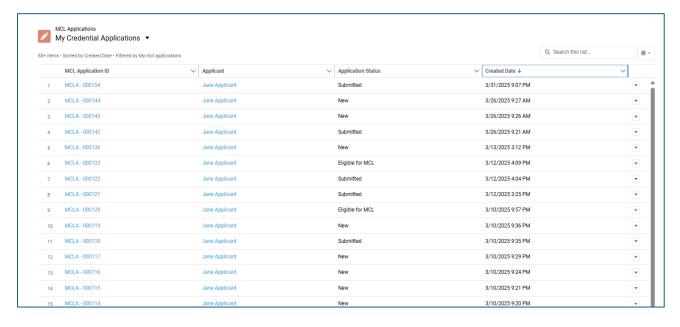


3 Reviewing Your Applications

All applications submitted by a user are tied to that specific user profile and are available for review in the "My MCL Applications" tab in the top ribbon:



All applications will be listed with their relevant status:



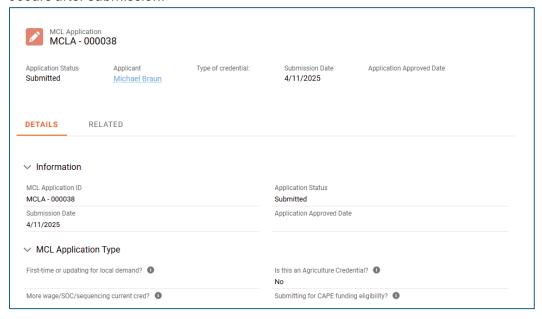
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3.1 Reviewing in progress applications

• Click the relevant link to the application you wish to review:

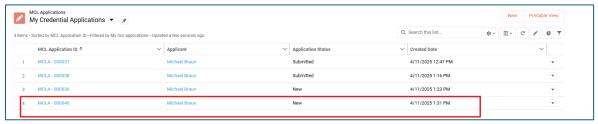


• The answers to the applications questions are available for review, but not for editing if the review occurs after submission:

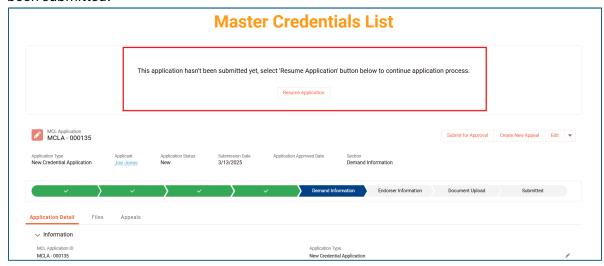


3.2 Fixing an error in an application before submission

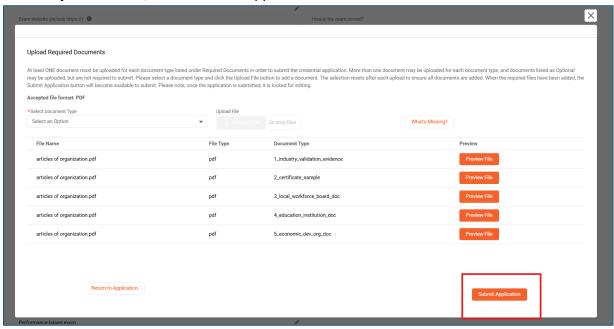
• If you have clicked the browser back button or otherwise exited the application before submission, navigate to the My MCL Applications tab and select the relevant application with a status "New" or "Returned for additional information".



 Edits can be made by selecting the "Resume Application" button on any applications that haven't been submitted:



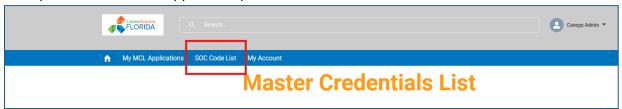
• A popup containing the application will appear in front of the record. When you have filled out the necessary information, select "submit application" to submit:



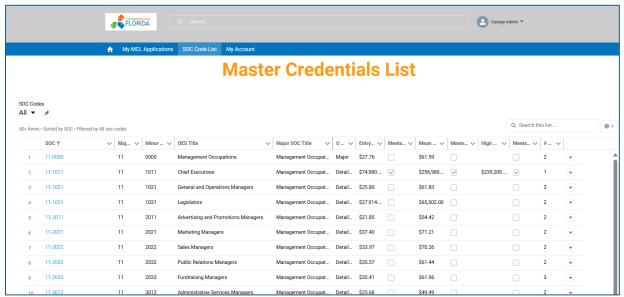
You will be notified that your application has been submitted.

3.3 Looking up SOC and CIP Codes

• A list of SOC (Standard Occupational Code) codes is included in the "SOC Code List" found in the top ribbon of the MCL application portal:



• Use the SOC Code list to research and review the SOC codes:



• If you need to review CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) you can find a list here: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode

4 Appeals

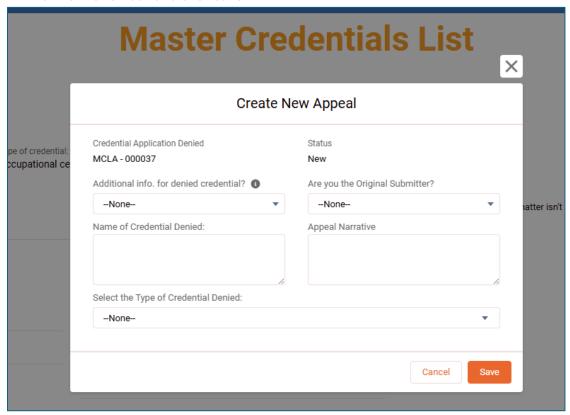
- After you are notified your credential was not approved for inclusion on the MCL, navigate to the "My MCL Applications" tab.
- The credential in question will have a "Not Eligible for MCL" status"



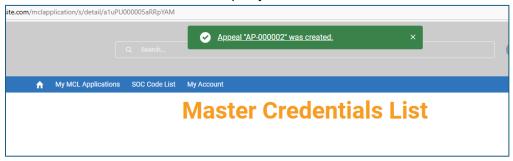
- Click on the Application ID to be taken to the application page
- Click the "Create New Appeal" button in the top right corner.



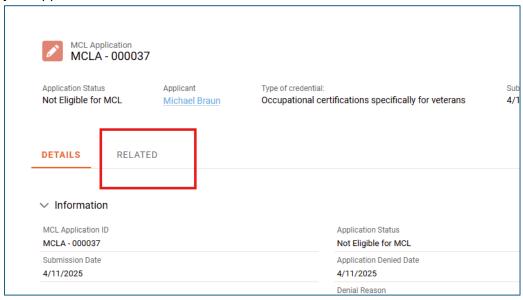
• Fill the information box and click save:



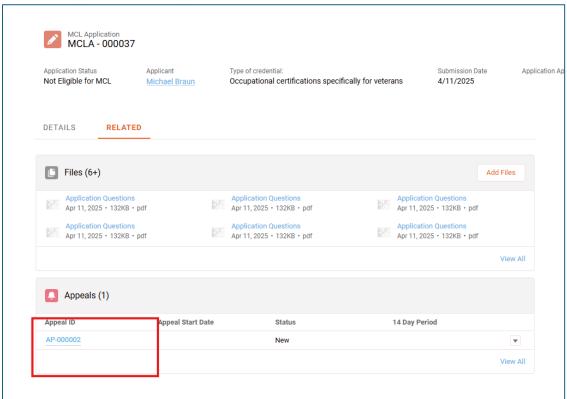
You will see a success note at the top of your screen:



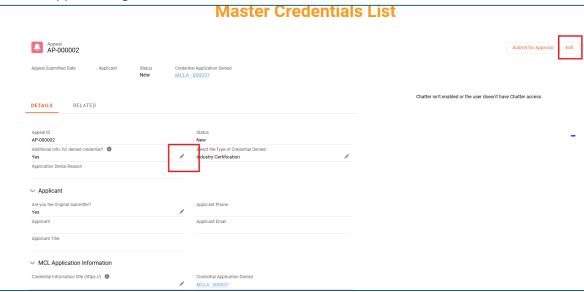
 Your appeal is now created but needs to be completed. Click on the Related tab at the top of your application:



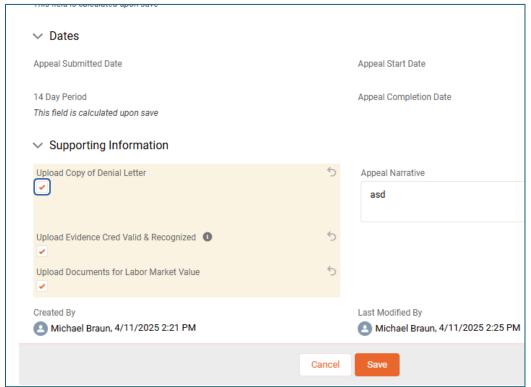
Select the appeal from the Appeals section:



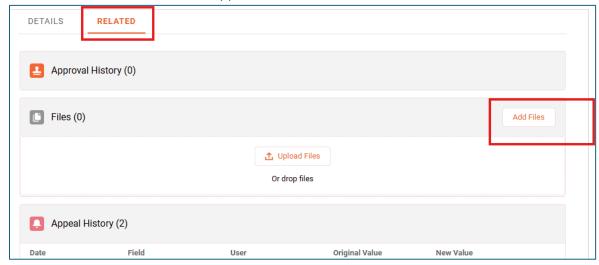
• Edit the appeal using the edit button or the edit icons.



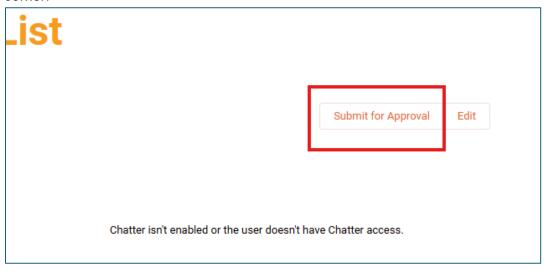
• Check the boxes for uploading all supporting documents. When all appeal information has been entered, click save.



• Click on the related tab and add appeal documents to the files section:



• When your files have been uploaded, Click the "Submit for Approval" button in the top right corner.



5 Troubleshooting

Applicants may run into various issues while submitting a credential application. The following tips may help mitigate those issues:

- For longer answers to application questions, write them in a note or word processor application first so you can copy and paste if you lose your progress.
- If you run into trouble with an application, it may be easier to start over rather than edit in the "My Credential Applications" list view.
- DO NOT press the back button in your browser to review previous application pages, use the previous button.
- Save your documents in a single folder before starting the upload process.
- If the home page will not load, try closing your browser window and trying again from a new browser window.

If you run into an issue that you cannot troubleshoot, contact Elizabeth Glenn (eglenn@careersourceflorida.com) or Kashish Pathak (kpathak@careersourceflorida.com) with the subject line "MCL Application Issue".