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**TO:** NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS

OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP STAFF

STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCIES

**FROM:** MEGAN BAIRD /s/

Acting Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship

**SUBJECT:** New National Occupational Framework (NOF) Apprenticeable Occupation: Cybersecurity Analyst

1. **Purpose.** To inform the staff of OA, State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA), Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors, and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of the following new National Occupational Framework (NOF) to an apprenticeable occupation: Cybersecurity Analyst
2. **Action Requested.** OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin and the attached Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline, as a source for developing apprenticeship standards and/or providing technical assistance.

Cybersecurity Analyst will be added to the List of Occupations Recognized as Apprenticeable by OA located on www.apprenticeship.gov. A suggested Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline are attached.

1. **Summary and Background.**
   1. Summary – The occupation Cybersecurity Analyst was submitted by Mr. Zachary Boren, Senior Policy Program Manager on behalf of Urban Institute, were processed by Kirk Jefferson and approved by the Acting OA Administrator on May 30, 2025

The National Office has approved a new National Occupational Framework (NOF), developed in partnership with the Urban Institute. This NOF has met industry standards and approval; it covers job titles and occupational pathways, related functions and performance criteria, as well as academic, workplace and personal competencies for job success. While use of NOFs in developing standards utilizing the competency-based training approach is voluntary, no additional vetting of a Work Process Schedule (WPS) utilizing the NOF should be required where a program aligns to the occupational framework described in a NOF, beyond the basic requirements set forth in 29 CFR Part 29. While on-the-job learning (OJL) is ordinarily outlined in the WPS, sponsors who utilize a NOF must develop the Related Instruction Outline, which should be included in the standards. Within certain limits, the sponsors of NOF apprenticeship programs are permitted to customize the job functions or competencies contained in a NOF for the Cybersecurity Analyst occupation.

However, OA encourages the use of all core competencies to be included in the approved WPS.

* 1. Background –

***New/Revised Occupation Background -*** Under 29 CFR section 29.4, an occupation for a RAP must meet the following criteria to be determined apprenticeable:

1. Involve skills that are customarily learned in a practical way through a structured, systematic program of on-the job supervised learning;
2. Be clearly identified and commonly recognized throughout an industry;
3. Involve the progressive attainment of manual, mechanical, or technical skills and knowledge which, in accordance with the industry standard for the occupation, would require the completion of at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning to attain; and
4. Require related instruction to supplement the on-the job learning.
5. **New NOF Apprenticeable Occupation.** The occupation Cybersecurity Analyst was submitted for an apprenticeability determination.

Cybersecurity Analyst  
O\*NET-SOC CODE: 15-1212.00

RAPIDS Code: 4007

Type of Training: Time-based, Hybrid, Competency-based

Term Length: Time-based 2000, Hybrid 2,000 – 4,000, Competency-based 1 year

Cybersecurity Analysts perform the following duties:

* Monitors use of data files and regulates access to safeguard information in computer files;
* Identifies and analyzes network traffic anomalies;
* Participates in simulated cyberattacks or tabletop exercises;
* Routinely updates firewalls and other cybersecurity software; and
* Provides risk assessments by checking for vulnerabilities in computer, network, endpoint, cloud computing environments, and data processing systems.

1. **Inquiries.** If you have any questions, please contact Douglass McPherson, Supervisory Acting Director, Division of Standards and Quality at (202) 693-3783.
2. **Attachments.**

