MARYLAND Skilled Immigrant *Task Force*

The Skilled Immigrant Task Force collaborates across organizations to advance workforce system accessibility and career opportunities for foreign-trained individuals in Maryland.

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The Maryland Skilled Immigrant Task Force is a consortium of stakeholders that seek to leverage skills that foreign-trained professionals bring to the United States in order to meet local job market demand. Task Force membership consists of representatives from the Maryland Department of Human Resources, The Maryland Department of Labor, community colleges, refugee resettlement agencies, American Job Centers, the Governor's Office of Community initiatives, and other immigrant-serving organizations.

Skilled Immigrants are those who have acquired extensive education and/or occupation experience abroad. Many come to Maryland ready to work, offering great benefits to local industry, including global skills, multilingualism, workplace diversity, and cultural knowledge. Unfortunately, prior to securing employment in their professional fields, skilled immigrants often experience significant challenges including limited English language proficiency, costly credential evaluations of their foreign degrees, complex licensing and recertification processes, lack of professional networks, and lack of knowledge on alternative career pathways.

The Task Force believes that the State of Maryland can lead the way in creating a win-win environment in which immigrants secure jobs matching their professional and educational backgrounds while helping the business community more readily meet its workforce needs.

The following guide lists a variety of financial education providers throughout Maryland as well as information about common financial questions, including loans, taxes, unemployment, and frauds.