

Governor's Weekly Message: Reducing Employment Barriers for our Skilled Workforce through Professional Licensing Reform

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Wilmington, DE – In his weekly message, Governor Markell discusses his commitment to ensure that Delaware's professional regulations are instruments of opportunity for Delaware's skilled workforce, including an executive order he signed this week that brings government together with community members to review existing licensing requirements and recommend ways to eliminate unnecessary barriers to entry.

"We have no higher priority than giving Delawareans the tools and opportunities to compete for the skilled jobs in today's economy. Even when people have the right skills, however, we know other barriers sometimes prevent them from entering the workforce," Governor Markell said. "Many of our licensing and certification requirements are well-founded, ensuring professionals are trained to keep people safe and earn the public's trust. However, some requirements may no longer be necessary and these burdens can reduce employment in those fields, lead to higher prices for professional services, and limit opportunities for Delaware workers. A thoughtful and collaborative approach to licensing reform will ensure professional regulations are instruments of opportunity, rather than arbitrary and expensive barriers to the job market. And that will keep Delaware moving forward."

Every week, the Governor's office releases a new Weekly

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