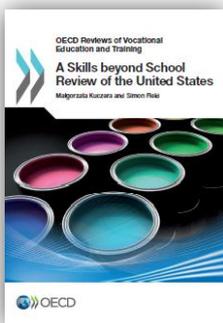


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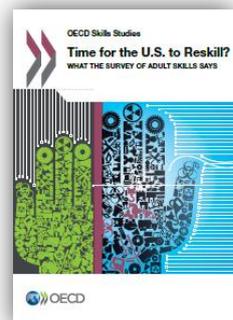
The OECD has been working with the United States on career and technical education (CTE, known as vocational education and training internationally), for a number of years, through partnerships both with the federal government and individual U.S. states. Firstly, as part of the OECD study *Learning for Jobs* on CTE at high school level, two reviews of U.S. states were undertaken and were published: South Carolina (Kuczera, 2009) and later Texas (Kis, 2011). The OECD study was completed, following 17 country reviews across the globe, with the publication of a final comparative report in 2010.



A U.S. wide review, including case studies of Florida, Maryland and Washington State was carried out at the request of the U.S. Department of Education: *A Skills beyond School Review of the United States* (Kuczera and Field, 2013). The U.S. study was part of the second review cycle, *Skills beyond School*, that examined postsecondary CTE in 20 countries and led to the international comparative report *Skills Beyond School: Synthesis Report* published in November 2014. A brief on the United States was simultaneously published on-line.

A further study, on adult basic skills of literacy and numeracy, linked to the OECD's Survey of Adult Skills in different countries, was published in 2013: *Time for the U.S. to Reskill? What the Survey of Adult Skills Says*.

This year OECD launched a study on work-based learning in vocational education and training that aims to deliver policy messages about how to use work-based learning to achieve better economic and social outcomes. The United States is participating alongside Australia, Canada, Germany, Norway, Scotland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the European Commission. More information about the study is available on the website: [www.oecd.org/edu/skills-beyond-school/work-based-learning.htm](http://www.oecd.org/edu/skills-beyond-school/work-based-learning.htm)



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