FAQ - Industry Recognized Credentials

What are the requirements to qualify to get on Nevada's Industry Recognized Credentials List?

Credentials must be submitted for consideration via the IRC Request Form on the OWINN website. Minimum requirements are as followed:

- Fit the definition of an Industry Recognized Credential.
- Meet national quality standards.
- Prepare individuals for high-skill, high-wage, and/or in-demand occupations in Nevada.
- Improve employment prospects and have market value.
- Fall within Nevada's targeted statewide industries identified by the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) and the Governor's Workforce Development Board (GWDB).

How can we add certificates such as ServSafe, OSHA, BLS, and other credentials to the list? Do those count for CCR diplomas, as well?

ServSafe, OSHA, and BLS are considered work readiness certificates, not industry recognized credentials. Though not meeting the criteria for industry recognition credentials, they still contribute meaningfully to workforce development. They are considered stackable credentials, providing a valuable starting point for individuals to build upon as they pursue more advanced or specialized certifications along their career pathways. Please refer to your district/ NDE guidance on what should count towards a CCR diploma.

Is the IRC list for high school students?

The IRC list is not just a list for schools. This is a public list. The IRC list is accessible for all 3+ million residents of NV (and beyond) who are looking for information on credentials to help them transition to work or advance in the workplace.

What is the process of the submissions after we have filled out the request form?

Industry partners play a critical role in identifying industry recognized credentials. After feedback is reviewed, credentials are approved or denied. Determinations are also made in alignment with the Department of Labor (DOL) and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requirements.

Approval or denial notifications will be sent out after the credential has been through the reviewal process and will be delivered to the email address submitted in the request form. Updated lists will be posted biannually (December and June). OWINN will accept submissions eight weeks prior to an updated list.

What is the timing for applications to be considered?
Submissions must be submitted 8 weeks prior to a scheduled update to ensure there is sufficient time for review and consideration. Applications submitted after this deadline will be deferred for review during the next scheduled update cycle.

Can I file an appeal or resubmit?
An appeal or resubmission may be reconsidered if changes have occurred since the original determination. Such changes may include, but are not limited to, modifications to the program's structure, alignment with updated state-identified targeted industries, or revisions to accreditation. Applicants are encouraged to clearly document and provide evidence of these changes at the time of resubmission to support reconsideration.

A credential that was previously approved has since retired. How do I request to remove it from the list?
Please use the Industry Recognized Credentials Request Form and select 'Remove Credential from the Approved List' from the dropdown options of the first question. Complete the remainder of the form for review.