

Industry Based Certifications

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INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

- Convened by the Workforce Investment Council
- Meets quarterly
- Endorses IBC “Focus List”
- Promotes and shares information on Industry-Based Certification needs in the State
- Works with Occupational Forecasting Conference

Industry Based Certification

A credential, usually issued by an industry or industry group, that verifies that an individual has met the skill standards established by that industry or industry group, as minimal requirements to successfully enter the workforce and compete in that particular occupational area.

Certifications normally have a finite life and a re-certification process must be undertaken to keep the certification in force.

What is the IBC Focus List?

The Louisiana Workforce Commission maintains an official list of industry-based certifications that are determined by the Louisiana Workforce Commission to be:

- Relate to high demand occupations,
- Reflect high wage jobs or occupations that lead to a career ladder
- Are widely supported and recognized by Louisiana's industry.

The purpose of the IBC focus list is to provide guidance - *to training programs and other stakeholders in the workforce development system, as well as to students* - as to occupational areas that are important to Louisiana and which certifications are recognized by Louisiana businesses.

Criteria for Inclusion on Official IBC Focus List

Certification must:

- Fit the definition of an Industry-Based Certification
- Be a demand occupation as recognized by the Louisiana Occupational Forecasting Conference.
- Be state or nationally recognized.
- Have the support of at least one (1) association or major employer in Louisiana.
- Be tied to a high-wage career or lead to a career ladder.
- Be generic, not vendor-specific, except in special cases as determined by IBC Leadership Council.
- IBC Leadership Council has authority to make exceptions to these requirements on a case-by-case basis.