

TEC §39.053 requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to account for high school students who earn an industry-based certification as one indicator within the student achievement domain of the state's public school accountability system. The purpose of the IBC list is to identify certifications that prepare students for success in the workforce, military, or postsecondary education.

New developments in industry occur regularly; therefore, TEA will update the IBC list every two years.

Six evaluation criteria are defined in 19 TAC [§74.1003](#). The six criteria are certification, industry recognized and valued, attainable by a high school student, portable, certifying entity, and capstone or end-of-program. More information on the evaluation criteria and review process is available [here](#).

Certifying entities are 3rd party organizations, often trade associations or industry-acknowledged test developers, that develop and validate certification examinations. *Vendors* provide testing platforms. One or more vendors may be approved by a certifying entity to administer their certification examination(s), in accordance with the guidelines, parameters, and requirements developed by that certifying entity.

In some instances, certifying entities develop the certification examination and administer it on their own testing platform. In these instances, the certifying entity and vendor are the same entity.

verification website. The student has earned the IBC, the IBC may count toward CCMR calculations, and the LEA may request reimbursement.

Passed: The exam has been passed but other requirements, such as fingerprinting or applying for the license, have not been met; or only one exam of a multi-exam IBC has been passed. Reimbursement for the cost of a certification assessment is provided once per high school student for an IBC on the IBC List for Public School Accountability. LEAs that report this data are signaling that they are only requesting reimbursement for a passed IBC examination because the student has not met the other criteria, per the certifying entity, to have earned the certification. Passed IBC examinations are eligible for reimbursement but will not be factored into CCMR.

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Only the certifications on the Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability are eligible for reimbursement and count toward CCMR within the A-F Accountability System.