

IBC Retirements, Vendor Changes, and Reimbursements

During the 2020-2021 school year, several IBC certifying entities retired a limited number of certifications. Additionally, some vendors ceased offering certain exams. As the TEA receives notification of retired certifications and vendor discontinuations, the *IBC Approved Vendor Crosswalk* will be updated. However, school district personnel are encouraged to research the specific certifications their school district offers and plan accordingly.

Frequently asked questions and answers regarding IBC retirements, vendor changes, CCMR, and PEIMS reporting are listed below.

FAQs

Question 1: The IBC certifying entity retired the certification I was planning to give my students. May I substitute a similar certification that is not on the *2019-2022 Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability*?

Answer: 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.

Question 2: May students take an approved IBC examination from a vendor not listed on the *Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability* and still be eligible for IBC reimbursement and CCMR accountability?

Answer: Only the vendors listed with the associated certifications are eligible for IBC reimbursement and count toward CCMR within the A-F Accountability System.

Question 3: Will the TEA update the *2019-2022 Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability* with additional IBCs and/or vendors when certification entities retire examinations or approved vendors discontinue examinations?

Answer: The TEA will not replace IBCs or substitute vendors from the *2019-2022 Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability* due to the rigorous, stakeholder driven evaluation process certifications and vendors must meet to be included on the list.

Question 4: I can no longer find industry-based certification examinations for “Adobe Certified Associate After Effects, Animate, Creative Cloud,” etc.

Answer: Adobe retired the name “Associate” and updated the name to “Professional.” There have been no changes in the assessment standards. LEAs may assess students using: Adobe Certified Professional After Effects, Adobe Certified Professional Animate, Adobe Certified Professional Creative Cloud, Adobe Certified Professional Creative Suite 6, Adobe Certified Professional Flash, Adobe Certified Professional Illustrator, Adobe Certified Professional inDesign, Adobe Certified Professional Photoshop, Adobe Certified Professional Premiere Pro, Adobe Certified Professional Design Specialist, and Adobe Certified Professional Web Design Specialist to be eligible for IBC reimbursement and count toward CCMR within the A-F Accountability System. LEAs will still document certifications earned within PEIMS as they are listed on the *Industry-Based Certification List for Public School Accountability*.