

Appendix J—Industry-Based Certifications

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The [2022-2025 Industry-Based Certification \(IBC\) List for Public High School Accountability](#) (v2) was in effect for the 2024-2025 graduating class for the 2026 accountability year. The [Aligned IBCs to Programs of Study Crosswalk for 2024-25](#) provides the aligned IBCs within each program of study. For more information, see the Industry-Based Certifications at <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/industry-based-certifications>.

- IBCs are reviewed on a regular cycle. Sunsetting IBCs are those that no longer meet established criteria. Sunsetting IBCs will be capped at five graduates or 20 percent of graduates, whichever is higher until they are phased out. This cap is applied within Student Achievement and School Progress, Part B: Relative Performance domains. In the 2027 accountability year, the 2022–2025 list will be subject to the sunsetting cap as the 2025–2030 list (v3) is implemented.
- Five evaluation criteria are established in 19 TAC §74.1003. The five criteria are certification, industry recognized and valued, attainable by a high school student, portable, and capstone or end-of-program.

Please see “Chapter 2—Student Achievement Domain” for further information on College, Career, and Military Readiness.

Alignment of Industry-Based Certifications, Programs of Study, and Accountability Refresh Cycles

Three critical cycles function within the College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) framework:

- The industry-based certification list was updated every two years.
- The programs of study were updated every four years.
- The accountability system refresh takes place every five years.

For subsequent cycles, these timelines are modified to facilitate a more aligned planning and implementation cycle for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) which would include:

- Transition to a five-year cycle for both Industry-Based Certifications (IBCs) and Programs of Study to align with the 2033 accountability refresh cycle for the Class of 2032.