

## Appendix J—Industry-Based Certifications

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### Industry-Based Certifications

The [2022-2025 Industry-Based Certification \(IBC\) List for Public High School Accountability](#) (v3) and [2025-2030 Industry-Based Certification List for High School Accountability](#) (v4) were in effect for the 2025-2026 graduating class for the 2027 accountability year. The [Aligned IBCs to Programs of Study Crosswalk for 2024-25](#) and [IBC to Program of Study Crosswalk 2025-30](#) provides the aligned IBCs within each program of study. An IBC earned prior to September 1, 2025 that is not listed on the 2022-2025 IBC list, even if it was later added to the 2025-2030 list, does not qualify for reporting in the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, see 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 (v3) list will be subject to the sunsetting cap as the 2025–2030 list (v4) is implemented.
- Evaluation criteria are established in 19 TAC §74.1003. The criteria are certification, industry recognized and valued, attainable by a high school student, portable, and capstone or end-of-program. Additional Requirements are the assessment to obtain the IBC is not open book, open reference, and does not allow limitless retake opportunities without remediation or remuneration; and the IBC is attainable by high school students and adult professionals in the workforce.

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.

## Industry-Based Certifications PEIMS Submissions

IBCs are reported in PEIMS Summer (SMR) and Extended Year (EXYR) submissions.

	Passed and Earned IBCs		Report the IBC with PEIMS submission:			
			2025-2026		2026-2027	
Students	From	To	SMR (Sub3)	EXYR (Sub4)	SMR (Sub3)	EXYR (Sub4)
Grades 9-12 or 2026 graduate	Sept. 1, 2025	May 31, 2026	X			
Grades 9-12 or 2026 graduate	June 1, 2026	Aug. 31, 2026		X		
Grades 9-12 or 2027 graduate	Sept. 1, 2026	May 31, 2027			X	
Grades 9-12 or 2027 graduate	June 1, 2027	Aug. 31, 2027				X