Certification Finder

What does this tool do?
The Find Certifications tool helps you find certifications in a variety of careers, occupations, and industries.

What are certifications?
Certifications are nationally recognized awards that can show an employer that you have skills and knowledge in a particular area. Earning a certification is a great way to begin or advance in your career. You usually have to pass a test to earn a certification. Learn more about specific requirements for certifications in your field by using the Certification Finder.

How do I get started with this tool?
You can search for certifications by keyword or code:

- To search by keyword, begin typing a keyword or name for an occupation, an industry, a certification, or an organization that offers certifications. A list will appear below the entry box. You can either select a search term from this list, or finish typing your search term.
- To search by code, enter an O*NET or NAICs code number. You can search by two-, three-, or four-digit NAICs codes.

Once you click "Search" you'll see a list of certifications that match your occupation, industry, certification, or organization. If you don't see what you're looking for, try a new keyword or code, or browse a list of occupations or industries by clicking on one of the links below.

What can I do with these results?
Your results will list and enumerate all certifications that match your search term. Use the controls at the bottom of the page to move between results pages and set number of results per page. From the search results page, you have several options:

- To show only the certifications directly related to an occupation, click that occupation in the top left panel, under "New Search by Related Occupations."
- To narrow your results, use the filters to the left on your screen for related industries, types of certifications, and organization names. Manage the list shown by using the "More" and "Less" buttons.
- To visit an association's website, click the link in the URL column. A new window will open for the association's website, which can be closed to reutrn to your results page.
- Click the blue "New Search" button on the upper left side of the page, to begin with a new search term.
- You can download and save your list of certifications as an Excel, PDF, Word, or RTF file by using the "Download" and "Select Format" buttons at the page bottom.
- To email or print your results, use the controls at the top right of the page in the header.

What do the icons next to the certifications mean?
The icons next to certifications indicate that the certification or certifying organization is related to or accredited by a third-party organization or program.

A = This certification is accredited by ANSI. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a private non-profit organization that accredits the procedures of organizations that develop voluntary national consensus standards for U.S. business products, services, processes, systems, and personnel. Accreditation by ANSI signifies that the procedures used by the standards body in connection with the development of American National Standards meet the Institute's essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process. As part of its work, ANSI provides accreditation services to organizations that offer workplace credentials, including personnel certificates and certifications. Learn more about ANSI Accreditation Services or how to apply for ANSI accreditation. ANSI currently supports four types of workplace credential accreditation:

- Accreditation Program for Personnel Certification Bodies under ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024
- ANSI-Conference for Food Protection (CFP) Accreditation Program
- Certificate Program Accreditation
- ANSI-Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) Joint Certificate Accreditation Program

C = This certification is related to Career and Technical Education Career Clusters. Certifications marked with [C] are related to the knowledge and skills specified in one or more of the sixteen Career and Technical Education Programs of Study. Please note that the certifications marked here are samples of existing related credentials and are not all-inclusive. This collection was updated in 2010 from the 2002 Career Cluster Resources Guide produced by the National Career Technical Education Foundation (NCTEF). They were reviewed by the Career Clusters™ Leaders and/or the National Advisory Committee. The certifications are flagged here for informational purposes and are not endorsed by NCTEF or the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium. Read more from the Career Technical Education Consortium.

I = This certification is industry-endorsed. Certifications marked as third-party endorsed are endorsed by a major industry

association that is not itself the developer of the certification. Major industry associations include trade associations and organizations that represent a sizeable portion of a particular industry. They do not include individual companies. Some industries may have several major industry associations, and those associations may endorse different certifications. Workers interested in employment at a certain company should check to see which industry associations that company is affiliated with, and notice which certifications those industry associations endorse. Workers should also check for regional industry associations that may be specific to the area. Find links and contact information for professional and trade associations.

J = This certification is related to the Job Corps training program. Certifications marked with [J] are ones that have been selected by the industry groups that advise the Job Corps program on their training program offerings. Job Corps is a free education and training program that provides academic, career technical and social skills training to low-income youth, ages 16-24. Graduates of the program may earn a high school diploma or GED, as well as industry-recognized credentials in over 100 career areas, to ensure they have gained the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the workforce, join the military, or enroll in higher education. Job Corps operates 125 centers in 48 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Learn more about Job Corps or Find a Job Corps Center.

M = This certification is related to Military Occupational Specialties. Certifications marked with [M] may draw on training and experience gained in certain military occupational specialties. These certifications were identified in Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) sites operated by the Army and Navy. Note that additional education or training may be required for a veteran with a certain military background to obtain the related civilian credential, based on number of years in the service, training, and specific work experiences. Learn more about Army COOL or Navy COOL.

N = This certification is accredited by NCCA. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) was created in 1987 by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs/organizations that assess professional competence. Programs that receive NCCA Accreditation demonstrate compliance with the NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs or with a new standard for Assessment-Based Certificate Programs. NCCA uses a peer review process to: establish accreditation standards; evaluate compliance with the standards; recognize organizations/programs which demonstrate compliance; and serve as a resource on quality certification. Certification organizations that submit their programs for accreditation are evaluated based on the process and products, not the content, and are therefore applicable to all professions and industries. Learn more about NCCA accreditation services or how to Apply for NCCA accreditation.

What are the different certification types?
There are five types of certifications included here: Core, Advanced, Specialty, Skill, and Product/Equipment. Each is defined below.
Core
1. The certification does not have a minimum education level or has an education level below a two-year Associates of Arts or Associates of Sciences degree and the certification does not have a minimum requirement for work experience or requires two or less years of work experience.
2. The certification has an education level of an Associates of Arts or Associates of Sciences degree or higher, but has a work experience requirement of less than 2 years of work experience.
3. The certification has a work experience requirement of more than 2 years but does not require a two-year Associates of Arts or Associates of Sciences degree
Advanced
The certification has an education level of an Associates of Arts or Associates of Sciences degree or higher and has a work experience requirement of more than 2 years, or requires obtaining a 'core' level certification from the same organization.
Specialty
The certification corresponds to a specialty within a recognized occupation. For example Oncology Nurse and Pediatric Nurse are specialties within the nursing field, so Certified Oncology Nurse and Certified Pediatric Nurse would be classified as specialty certifications.
Skill
A skill certification tests for basic skills and may or may not be related to a product. Examples of a skill certification would be CPR certification or word processing fundamentals certification.
Product/Equipment
A product/equipment certification tests for knowledge about the use of proprietary software or hardware products. This classification is used primarily for computer-related companies such as IBM, CISCO, HP, etc.

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