Guidance for Maintaining a Statewide Inventory of Industry-Recognized Credentials

Pursuant to ORC Section 6301.23, the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation, the Department of Education, and the Chancellor of Higher Education recommend the following guidance for maintaining a statewide inventory of industry-recognized credentials:

1) The Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation will maintain on its website a centralized, inter-agency database of information on all industry-recognized credentials, working with the Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education to keep the list updated, efficient, effective, and organized in a manner that makes it easily accessible to the public.

2) The Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation, the Department of Education, and the Chancellor of Higher Education will invite all community stakeholders, including schools, parents, students, and businesses to submit credentials to the Ohio Department of Education for consideration by completing the application available here.

3) The application review process outlined above will undergo a 10-week review process, during which Ohio labor market data is analyzed, an industry feedback survey is distributed, and additional research is conducted and compiled into a review report. Review reports are utilized by the Industry-Recognized Review Committee to cultivate discussion and inform decision-making.

4) Career-technical programs leading to industry-recognized credentials are encouraged to use the process outlined above and contact the Office of Workforce Transformation at Workforce@OWT.Ohio.gov with any questions or concerns during the 10-week review process.