

Post-Secondary Credential Checklist

This is intended as a guide. Official determinations are to be made by the programs.

CRITERIA	YES/NO
1. Is the certificate awarded for recognition of an individual’s attainment of measurable technical or industrial/occupational skills? These are generally based on standards developed or endorsed by employers or industry associations.	
2. Certificate is not issued by a workforce development board.	
3. Certificate is not a work readiness certificate.	
4. Does the certificate recognize technological or industry/occupational skills for the specific industry/occupation rather than general skills related to safety, hygiene, etc.	
<p>5. Issued by 1 of the 8 identified entities that issue recognized postsecondary credentials. <i>(Not all credentials awarded by these entities meet the definition of credential.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. State educational agency or state agency responsible for administering vocational and technical education within a State. b. Institution of higher education described Sec. 102 of Higher Education Act (20 USC 1002) that is qualified to participate in the student financial assistance programs authorized by title IV of that Act. This includes Community Colleges, proprietary schools, and all other institutions of higher education that are eligible to participate in Federal student financial aid programs. c. An institution of higher education that is formally controlled, or has been formally sanctioned or chartered, by the governing body of an Indian tribe or tribes. d. Professional, industry, or employer organization or product manufacturer of developer using a valid and reliable assessment of an individual’s knowledge, skills and abilities. e. ETA’s Office of Apprenticeship or a State Apprenticeship Agency. f. A public regulatory agency, which awards a credential upon an individual’s fulfillment of educational, work experience, or skill requirements that are legally necessary for an individual to use an occupational or professional title or to practice an occupation or profession. g. Program approved by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs to offer education benefits to veterans and other eligible persons. h. Job Corps, which issues certificates for completing career training programs that are based on industry skills standards and certification requirements. 	
<p>Does the Certificate meet the WIOA Definition of a Credential in TEGL 10-16/TAC 17-01/Memo 17-02 (Must answer yes to all 5 criteria above)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES NO</p>	

https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/pdf_files/credentials.pdf