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What Is TechCred?

Ohio's TechCred Program empowers employers to upskill their current and future workforce for today's technology-driven economy by providing direct financial assistance for training. This workforce initiative helps employers develop in-demand technical skills, strengthen talent pipelines, and enhance the overall competitiveness of Ohio's economy.

What's New?

TechCred's new framework includes updates to employer eligibility, a revised funding model, a sharper technology-focused credential definition, enhanced training provider verification standards, and an updated training timeline.

These updates are designed to better support Ohio businesses in developing a tech-ready workforce and to maintain a sustainable, responsible TechCred program.

Who is Eligible?

Ohio employers registered with the secretary of state and with a physical, non-residential business location in Ohio that employs Ohio resident W-2 employees are eligible to apply, provided those employees are registered and reported to the Ohio Unemployment Insurance Office through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the employer withholds income tax for its employees.

To receive reimbursement, the employer must be able to verify that credential earners are Ohio residents with a verifiable Ohio address. Individuals must be W-2 employees at the time of the reimbursement request and must be registered and reported to the Ohio Unemployment Insurance Office through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and file income taxes to the State of Ohio.

Award Amounts

Reimbursements will be up to \$1,000 per person, per credential. Employers are eligible to receive up to \$30,000 per application period.



Eligible Costs

Employers may be reimbursed for outlays covering tuition, lab fees, manuals, textbooks, and certification costs, up to \$1,000 per credential. Costs must be incurred by the employer, not the employee.

Ineligible costs include, but are not limited to, training bundles, subscriptions, memberships, training libraries, conferences, software platforms, and user license agreements. Additionally, wages, travel related expenses, and hardware or equipment are not eligible.



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What is a Credential?

Industry-recognized

A credential that is sought or accepted by employers within the industry or sector involved as a recognized, preferred, or required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, or advancement purposes; and, where appropriate, is endorsed by a nationally recognized trade association or organization representing a significant part of the industry or sector.



Technology-focused

Technology credentials verify the specialized, job-ready skills required in high-demand, technology-driven fields. These industry-recognized qualifications blend STEM theory with practical applications to ensure workers can operate essential tools, systems, and processes in the workplace.

To qualify, credentials must emphasize applied practical skills that involve **developing, building, configuring, or operating advanced technologies** rather than simply understanding concepts or using software at a basic level.



Short-term

Must be completed in less than 12 months, or in programs that are fewer than 900 clock hours or thirty (30) credit hours. Although not a requirement, it is recommended that training courses be at least 8 hours in length.



A credential may be either a certificate or certification



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Eligible Training Providers

To ensure quality and consistency, TechCred has established an eligible list of providers that have been registered or accredited by an eligible board or recognized authority. Eligible training providers include universities, community colleges, technical centers, and private training providers.

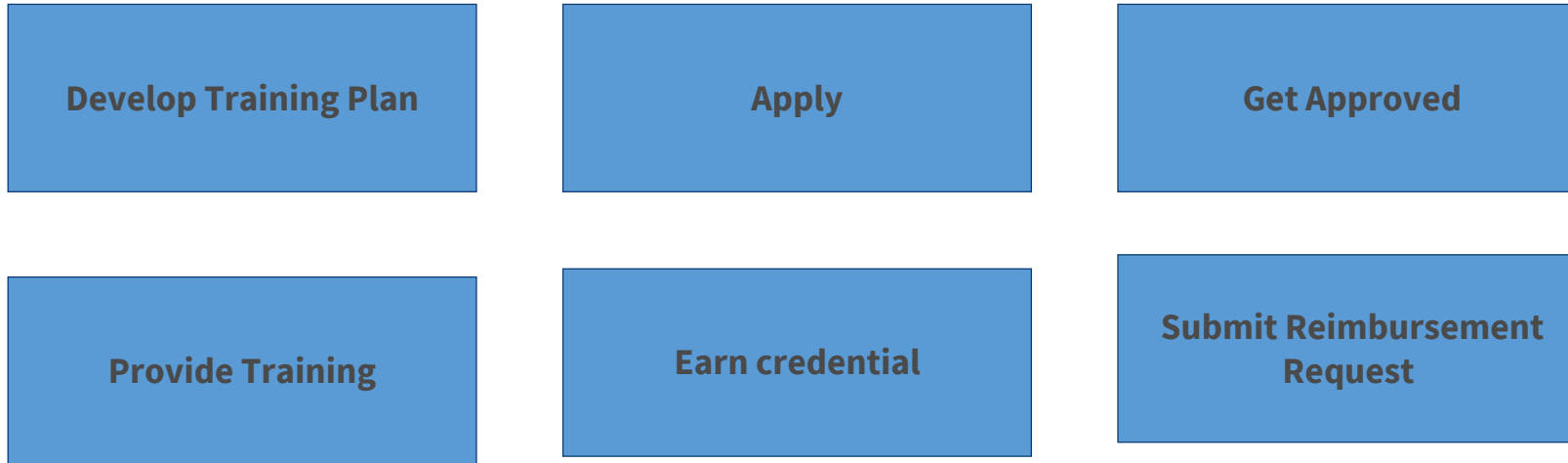
Eligible training providers are those that have been registered or accredited by one of the following organizations:

- [ApprenticeOhio](#)
- [Ohio Community Colleges](#)
- [Ohio Not-for-Profit Independent Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Ohio Public Universities or Regional Campuses](#)
- [Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools](#)
- [Ohio Technical Centers](#)

To be included in the Tech Cred application, training providers that meet the eligibility requirements must complete a TechCred Training Provider Form to verify their eligibility and identify the eligible TechCred credentials they offer.

Employers should verify that their chosen provider appears on the eligible list before submitting a TechCred application. Please note that TechCred does not endorse or recommend any specific training provider. The eligible list simply identifies providers that meet eligibility requirements.

How Do Employers Get Started?



Application Log In

Accessing TechCred Through OHID

When a business applies for TechCred, the user will be prompted to either create or log in to their **OHID account**—the State of Ohio's secure digital identity platform. This OHID is **unique to the individual user**, not the business, and will be used to access and manage the TechCred application and related communications.



Ohio's digital identity.
One state. One account.

Register once, use across many State of Ohio websites.

OHID username

Test

Password

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Log in

[Forgot your OHID username or password?](#)

[Can't get your PIN for 2-step verification?](#)

Do you need an OHID? Get started here.

Create account



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Information Required for Application

Employer Information:

- Federal Tax ID
- Employer Name
- [Payee ID Number](#)
- [Ohio Secretary of State Charter/Entity Number](#)
- Physical, Non-residential Business Address
- Employer's Industry
- Number of Ohio W-2 Employees
- Employer Website Link
- Employer Point of Contact and Contact Information

Credential Information:

- Credential (selected from approved list)
- Training Cost (if applicable)
- Certification Test Cost (if applicable)
- Total Actual Cost of Credential (Training and/or Certification Costs Combined)
- Name of Training Provider (selected from eligible list)
- Requested Reimbursement Amount for Credential



Payee ID

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Before you start your application, you should sign up for your Payee ID account so that you can be reimbursed.



This can take extra time to process, so it's better to do it earlier than later!



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Adding Credentials to the Approved List

TechCred is designed to be responsive to the dynamic workforce needs of employers. Employers may request that additional credentials meeting the eligibility requirements be added to the list of eligible credentials. When completing the TechCred application, employers should choose “Credential Not Listed” and provide the following information:

- Name of Credential
- Identification of the Credential as a Certificate or Certification
- For Certificates: Number of Credit Hours or Clock Hours
- For Certifications: Certification Issuing Body
- Evidence the Competencies/Skills Taught or Measured in the Credential are Technology- Focused
- Evidence the Credential has Value Beyond the Submitting Employer and is not Exclusive to One Organization
- Link to Credential Website or Uploaded Syllabus/Brochure

Reimbursement Process

To request reimbursement, employers that have been awarded eligibility must submit the following information through the Reimbursement Request portal, accessible within their application. All documentation must be compiled and submitted as a single PDF file.

Credential Documentation:

- Proof that the individual has completed the specified credential, such as a copy of the certificate or certification. The credential name must match the one that was approved in the application.

Cost Documentation:

- An itemized invoice which clearly identifies the per person cost of the credential.
- Proof of payment which may include either a cleared check, a credit card statement, or a bank statement. The document must identify the training provider, the amount paid, and the date paid and must clearly show that the payor is the TechCred Grantee. A purchase order, receipt, requisition, or an invoice with a \$0.00 balance does not qualify as proof of payment.

Credential Earner Information:

- Name (first and last)
- Email
- Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- County of Residence
- Wage Prior to Credential
- Wage After Credential is Earned
- Race (optional)
- Gender (Optional)
- Employee Hire Date
- Employee Final Date of Employment
- W4 and IT4 Verification
- Date Credential Earned



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