

What is TechCred?

No matter what industry you work in, technology is having an impact on the future of your business and the nature of your work.

TechCred helps Ohioans learn new skills and helps employers build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy.

TechCred reimburses employers up to \$2000 per credential when employees earn tech-focused credentials.



Round 1: October Funding Round

- 200+ new credentials added to the pre-approved list
- 234 companies awarded for a total of \$2,212,675.46
- 1,576 credentials funded

How do businesses get started?



1

Identify skills needs and employees



2

Partner with a credential provider



3

Apply for TechCred pre-approval



4

Enroll employees in the program



5

Upload proof of credential completion



6

Receive reimbursement

Next Application Period: **COMING SOON**

What is a credential?

Credential

Certificate

Certification

What makes a credential eligible?

1. Industry-recognized
2. Technology-focused
3. Short-term

Adding credentials to the approved list:

TechCred is designed to be responsive to employers. Employers can request that additional credentials be added to the list of eligible credentials. When filling out the TechCred application, employers will choose “Credential Not Listed” and be prompted to provide:

- Name of Credential
 - Identification of the Credential as a Certificate or Certification
 - Link to Credential Website or Uploaded Syllabus/Brochure
1. Evidence that it is short-term
 2. Evidence the Competencies/Skills Taught or Measured in the Credential are Technology-Focused
 3. Evidence the Credential has Value Beyond the Submitting Employer and is not Exclusive to One Organization

Eligible Providers

Employers are encouraged to choose the training provider, in their region or online, that will most effectively fit their needs. Examples of training providers include:

- Universities
- Community Colleges
- Ohio Technical Centers
- Private Training Providers

Award Amounts:

- \$2000 per credential
- ONE credential per employee, per funding round
- \$30,000 per employer, per funding round

Reimbursable Costs:

Employers may be reimbursed for tuition, lab fees, manuals, textbooks, and certification costs up to \$2,000.

Reimbursement Timeline:

Employers must submit documentation within six (6) weeks of an employee completing a credential. Credentials must be completed within 18 months from the date of the award. The Development Services Agency will process reimbursements once a month.

Reimbursement Process:

To initiate reimbursement, employers will utilize the online portal found at TechCred.Ohio.Gov. Employers will be required to submit the following:

- Proof of credential completion
- Proof of payment
- Invoices for costs incurred
- Documentation of employee's wage after completing the credential

Application Scoring Criteria:

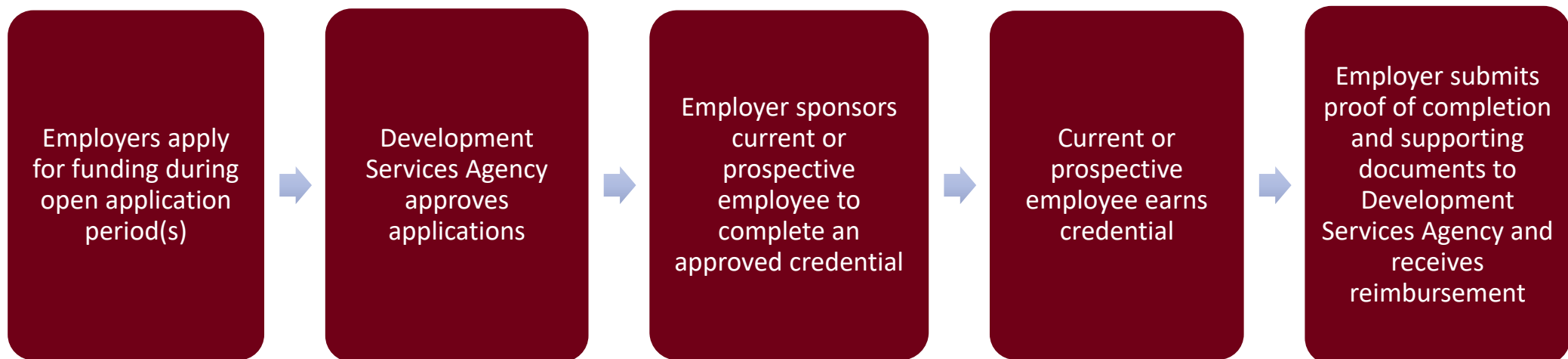
Employer applications will be judged competitively, based on the following criteria:

- Pledged wage increase in relation to credential cost
- Level of economic distress in employees' region
- Amount of employer contribution towards the cost of credential

Applications submitted within a given enrollment period will be judged competitively; awards will not be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Application and Reimbursement Process:

1. Employers apply for funding during open application period
2. Development Services Agency approves application
3. Employer sponsors current or prospective employees to complete an approved credential program
4. Current or prospective employee successfully completes credential program
5. Employer submits proof of completion and supporting documentation to Development Services Agency and receives reimbursement



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