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FROM: Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Deputy Secretary  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

RE: New School Code Requirement: Industry-Recognized Credentials on High School Transcripts

DATE: November 9, 2022

No later than the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, an industry-recognized credential attained by a student must be included on the student's transcript. This requirement was added to [Section 121](#) of the Public School Code by Act 55 of 2022.

Section 121 defines an industry-recognized credential as any credential identified in the industry credential resource book or in the industry-based learning guidelines compiled by the Department of Education.

As such, transcripts must include credentials identified in the [Industry-Recognized Credentials for Career and Technical Education Programs Resource Guide](#) and those that meet the minimum non-technical requirements for an industry-recognized credential as found in the [Guidance for Identifying and Reporting Industry Credentials for Non-CTE Students](#). These criteria apply to any student who earns an industry-recognized credential, regardless of whether the student is enrolled in a career and technical education program.

The student transcript must include the name of the industry-recognized credential, the credential provider and the date earned (e.g., Certified Dental Assistant, Dental Assisting National Board, May 15, 2022.)

Questions about the [Industry-Recognized Credentials for Career and Technical Education Programs Resource Guide](#) should be directed to Beth Marshall at [betmarshall@pa.gov](mailto:betmarshall@pa.gov) .

Questions about the [Guidance for Identifying and Reporting Industry Credentials for Non-CTE Students](#) should be directed to Laura Fridirici at [c-lfridiri@pa.gov](mailto:c-lfridiri@pa.gov) .

Questions about industry-recognized credentials and Act 158 statewide graduation requirements should be directed to [ra-edgradrequirement@pa.gov](mailto:ra-edgradrequirement@pa.gov) .