

## State-Approved Industry Recognized Credentials Rubric

The following rubric is used in the review process for all Industry Credentials submitted for recommendation to be added to the state approved list.

Criteria	3	2	1
<b>Industry Recognized and Valued</b>	Credential is both recognized AND highly valued by industry professionals in South Dakota.	Credential may be recognized by industry professionals in South Dakota but it is not considered highly valuable for a potential employee to earn.	Credential is not something recognized by most industry professionals in South Dakota and is not considered valuable for a potential employee to earn.
<b>Aligned to CTE Course and/or Program of Study</b>	Credential is representative of the learning a student has mastered through the successful completion of an aligned CTE course.	Credential partially represents some learning a student has mastered through the successful completion of an aligned CTE course.	Credential is NOT representative of the learning a student receives through the successful completion of an aligned CTE course.
<b>Transference to Postsecondary</b>	Credential is accepted for credit or hours at MOST/ALL postsecondary institutions in South Dakota.	Credential is accepted for credit or hours at SOME postsecondary institutions in South Dakota.	Credential is generally NOT accepted for credit or hours at postsecondary institutions in South Dakota.
<b>Transference to High-Quality Employment</b>	Credential will lead to high-quality employment and should qualify a student for an above entry level employment in South Dakota.	Credential may lead high-quality employment with some industries in South Dakota at or above an entry level position.	Credential has little to no effect on a student's ability to gain high-quality employment above an entry level position in South Dakota.