

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** October 26, 2016  
**To:** School Administrators, Career Education Administrators  
**From:** Janice Rehak, Coordinator  
**Subject:** CCR-16-014 - Updates to Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs)

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) opened an application window from March through June 2016 so that Missouri public school administrators could request specific industry recognized credentials (IRCs) be added to the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 5) list of approved IRCs. The IRC Review Committee met on September 7 to review the applications.

The review committee was guided by two significant principles:

1) The MSIP 5 definition of an IRC

A portable, recognized credential (tangible evidence) that validates an individual has successfully demonstrated skill competencies in a core set of content and performance standards in a specific set of work-related tasks, single-occupational area or a cluster of related occupational areas.

2) The MSIP 5 Performance Standard 3, Indicator 4

The percent of graduates who earned a qualifying score on an Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Technical Skills Attainment (TSA) assessments and/or receive college credit through early college, dual enrollment, or approved dual credit courses meets or exceeds the state standard or demonstrates required improvement.

DESE received 18 IRC applications. Eleven of those were nonresponsive or incomplete and two were duplicates. In all, five applications were reviewed. One new credential was approved.

The following assessment will be added to the approved IRC list beginning the 2018-19 school year for reporting beginning in June 2018:

- PrintED/SkillsUSA Advertising Design

View the full list of approved IRCs at <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/career-education/technical-skills-attainment-industry-recognized-credential>.

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