



## Promoting professional certifications, certification organizations, certified professionals and the American consumer.

The **Professional Certification Coalition (PCC)** is a nonprofit association founded in 2018 to address legislative initiatives that affect professional certification programs and those holding private certification credentials. The PCC has **more than 100 organizational members**, including non-governmental professional certification organizations, professional societies, and service providers that collectively represent or certify millions of professionals across the country.

**Professional certifications provide pathways to opportunity and career growth** in many different fields, from entry level jobs to mid-career certifications that allow individuals to advance, to certifications that represent specialized knowledge.

The PCC advocates for legislative and regulatory priorities at the federal level and in legislatures across the country.

### Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act (H.R. 2171 / S. 905)

The **bipartisan, bicameral Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act** would expand eligible uses of tax-favorable "529" savings plans to **cover costs associated with workforce training and credentialing programs**. The legislation would also enable 529 plan beneficiaries to use their funds to **pay for examinations necessary to obtain and maintain recognized private professional certifications and other credentials**. Currently, only costs related to attending colleges, universities, vocational schools, registered apprenticeship programs, K-12 private tuition or other post-secondary institutions are eligible 529 expenses.

### Resources and Education to Build (REBUILD) Skills Act

The **REBUILD Skills Act** would create a federally funded Career Rebuilding Scholarship Fund, administered by **approved certification organizations and worker training programs**, to distribute scholarships to **eligible individuals who incur covered expenses** by incurring certification exam fees or enrolling in a training program. Funds would cover **up to the lesser of 95% or \$3,000** of a program.

Eligible individuals include:

- Any workers displaced from their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Military members who rolled out/are rolling out of service during the pandemic; and
- Spouses of military members who rolled out/are rolling out of service in the same period.

## CERTIFICATIONS PROMOTE OPPORTUNITY

According to a 2017 Working Paper from the *Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group of the University of Chicago*, **certification reduces the racial wage gap among men by 43% and the gender wage gap between women and white men by 36%-40%.**

## Professional Certification Coalition Membership

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ABRET Neurodiagnostic Credentialing and Accreditation	CCIM Institute	Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board
ABSA International: The Association for Biosafety and Biosecurity	CFA Institute	National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.
AABC Commissioning Group	Certification Board for Music Therapists	National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals	Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology	National Association of Personal Financial Advisors
Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals	Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers	National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc.
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nurses	Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards	National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses	Certified Fund Raising Executive International	National Board of Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences
American Association of Professional Landmen	CertiProf, LLC	National Kitchen and Bath Association National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy
American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics	Commercial Real Estate Certification Institute	National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses	Commission for Case Manager Certification	Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education
American Board of Medical Specialties	Commission on Nurse Certification	National Certification Corporation
American Board of Neuroscience Nursing	CompTIA	National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
American Board of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine	Community Association Institute	National Commission for Health Education Credentialing
American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery	Construction Management Association of America	National Council on Family Relations
American Board of Wound Management	Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards	National Healthcareer Association
American Industrial Hygiene Association	Dental Assisting National Board	National Recreation and Park Association
American Medical Certification Association	Diving Equipment and Marketing Association	National Restaurant Association
American Nurses Credentialing Center	Entertainment Services and Technology Association	National Roofing Contractors Association
American Payroll Association	ETA International	National Society of Professional Engineers
American Society of Association Executives	Financial Planning Association	Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission
American Society of Civil Engineers	Hearth, Patio, & Barbecue Education Foundation	Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	Heuristic Solutions	Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International
American Traffic Safety Services Association	Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center	Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
American Translators Association	Institute for Credentialing Excellence	Pharmacy Technician Certification Board
American Veterinary Medical Association	Institute of Certified Management Accountants	PSI Services
Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education	Institute of Hazardous Materials Management	Pearson Vue
Association for Financial Professionals	Institute of Internal Auditors	QualityPro
Association of Surgical Technologists	Irrigation Association	School Nutrition Association
Behavior Analyst Certification Board	International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management	Security Industry Association
Building Industry Consulting Service International	International Association of Lighting Designers	Society of Broadcast Engineers
Board of Certification/Accreditation	International Coach Federation	Specialty Pharmacy Certification Board c/o National Association of Specialty Pharmacy Certification Board
Board of Certified Safety Professionals	International Foundation for Retirement Education	Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance
Board of Pharmacy Specialties	International Information System Security Certification Consortium	Towing and Recovery Association of America, Inc.
Building Commissioning Certification Board	Investments & Wealth Institute	
	IT Certification Council	
	Laborers' International Union of North America Training & Education Fund	