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Texas Career & Technical Education (CTE) News

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Public Comment Period for Industry-Based Certifications

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requests preliminary public comment on a draft list of industry-based certifications to be used for public school accountability. The new list of industry-based certifications is scheduled to go into effect for the 2019-2020 school-year and will apply to school accountability ratings in August 2021. The public comment period is now open and will close on **February 4, 2019**.

The TEA requested feedback from stakeholders across Texas on recommendations for additions to the state-approved list of 73 industry-based certifications. Over 4,000 responses were received that contained over 1,200 unique certifications or certificates. The recommended credentials were organized by industry sector and sent out through the twenty-eight Texas Workforce Development Boards to determine industry value. Approximately 1,000 industry representatives responded to the survey. The certifications were reviewed for the remaining criteria which includes: 1) third party provider; 2) capstone; 3) attainable by a high school student; 4) portable.

Stakeholders are encouraged to review the proposed industry-based certification list and provide comments. The proposed list can be found at the following website:

<https://tea.texas.gov/cte/>

If you have questions about public comment for industry-based certification used for public school accountability, please contact Avery Barrera at:

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