

NOCA and NCCA

NOCA is a member-based organization dedicated to providing educational, networking, and advocacy resources to credentialing organizations. NOCA provides its members with best practices to grow and maintain a successful certification program, while NCCA evaluates those programs for compliance with the Standards.

NOCA promotes excellence in competency assessment for practitioners in all occupations and professions by:

- Providing expertise and guidance;
- Developing and implementing standards for accreditation of certification programs through NCCA;
- Providing educational and networking resources; and,
- Serving as an advocate on certification issues.

For more information on NOCA please visit www.noca.org.

Visit www.noca.org/ncca today to learn more about how you can get your programs accredited through the NCCA.



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National Commission for Certifying Agencies

Setting Quality Standards for
the Certification Community



What is NCCA?

The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) is the leader in setting quality standards and providing accreditation services to certification programs covering hundreds of professions and occupations. NCCA, the accrediting division of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA), has been serving the credentialing profession for over 30 years.

NCCA's Mission

To ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of a variety of certification programs that assess professional competency. NCCA uses a peer review process to:

- Establish accreditation standards;
- Evaluate compliance with the standards;
- Recognize programs which demonstrate compliance; and,
- Serve as a resource on quality certification.

NCCA's Vision

To be an administratively independent resource, recognized as the authority on accreditation standards for professional certification programs. Based on sound principles, NCCA standards will be optimal and comprehensive criteria for organizational process and performance. They will be broadly recognized, objective, and current benchmarks for certifying bodies to achieve and by which they operate.

The Value of NCCA Standards

Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs

The *NCCA Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs* were the first standards established for professional certification programs. The standards consist of comprehensive criteria for the core elements of certification programs including governance, psychometrics, and recertification. NCCA's Standards exceed the certification requirements set forth by the American Psychological Association and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Value of Accreditation

NCCA accreditation demonstrates to your board, your profession, and your certificants that your certification program has been reviewed by a highly qualified third-party panel of impartial experts, who have determined that your program has met the stringent standards of NCCA. In addition, the accreditation process provides an opportunity for you to conduct a thorough self-analysis of your program using the NCCA standards.

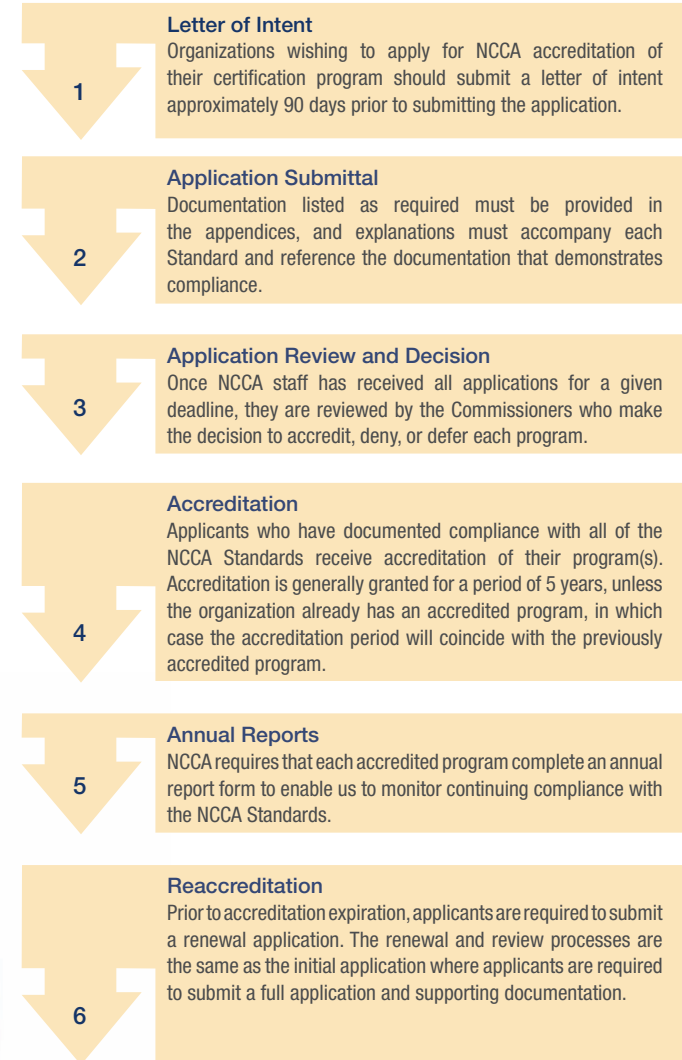
NCCA Accreditation in Federal and State Legislation

NCCA Standards and accreditation services are referenced requirements in state and federal legislation pertaining to personnel certification. Regulatory authorities have come to trust the credible third-party verification that NCCA provides.



Overview of the Accreditation Process

To apply for NCCA Accreditation, an organization goes through a series of steps to demonstrate compliance with the Standards. While this exact path may vary among organizations, below is an example of the typical application process.



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