Professional certifications strengthen American workers, industries, and professions, and benefit consumers. The Professional Certification Coalition (PCC) advocates for policies that promote certification programs, certified professionals, and all who rely on the expertise and experience demonstrated only through professional certification.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION COALITION: 101

- 100+ Member Organizations
- 50+ Industries & Professions
- Legislative & Regulatory Analysis
- Federal & State Advocacy

PCC 2021-22 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: IMPACT ACROSS THE BOARD

- Amended major state workforce legislation in Oklahoma (SB 1691), which established a new baseline for “clean slate” bills in the U.S.
- Shaped federal legislation that would increase access to certifications and training and help Americans navigate shifting workforce dynamics.
- Hosted PCC’s first legislative advocacy event, a virtual “fly-in,” connecting Coalition members directly with Congressional staff.
- Delivered 62 amendment proposals via letter and testimony to engage with and improve legislation that impacts the entire certification community.
- Tracked and analyzed 120 bills across 40+ states; built relationships with prominent regulators and stakeholder organizations.
PCC 2022-23: PRIORITIES & PROSPECTUS

State Advocacy

Occupational Licensing Reform
Defending state recognition of credentialing in state license laws.

“Clean Slate” Legislation
Supporting bills to balance work reentry and organizations’ rights.

State Credentialing Reciprocity
Promoting legislation for equal qualifying standards and scopes of practice between states.

“Consumer Choice” Bills
Opposing legislation likely to undermine the health, safety and welfare of American consumers.

Federal Advocacy

Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow’s Workforce Act: H.R. 2171 / S. 905
This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would expand eligible uses of tax-favorable “529” education savings plans to cover costs associated with workforce training and credentialing programs, such as certification and recertification exams.

Resources & Education to Build (REBUILD) Skills Act: Pending
This bill would provide eligible displaced workers, returning service members, and military spouses federally funded “Career Rebuilding Scholarships” to earn certifications and would create a national database of quality certification programs.

PCC MEMBERS: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

As a non-profit credentialing organization with over 170,000 certificants, it is critical that I remain abreast of legislation that could impact credentials that the BACB issues. The PCC provides high-level assessment and strategic guidance in addressing legislation with the greatest regulatory impact. Without the PCC, I would be swimming in a sea of legislation unsure how to triage those initiatives.

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Read more PCC member testimonials.

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