Ohio Life Sciences

Ohio | TechCred

Overview

Ohio TechCred is a program established by Lt. Governor Jon Husted to help Ohioans and employers adapt to a technology-infused economy. **This state-funded program reimburses employers seeking to reskill or upskill current and future employees**.

Application and Reimbursement

1. Employer applies for funding during the application period. Applications open every other month starting January 2023 (typically open for the entirety of the month).
2. The Ohio Dept. of Development review applications and awards funding.
3. Employers sponsor current or prospective employees to complete an eligible credential program.
4. Employees complete the program and receive the approved credential.
5. Employer submits copy of the credential, and invoice detailing cost of receiving the credential, and proof of payment.
6. Employer is reimbursed by the Ohio Dept. of Development.

Employers who submit applications that are accepted are reimbursed up to $2,000 per credential that their current or prospective employees complete. **Employers may receive up to $30,000 per funding round and up to $180,000 per year**.

Employees must complete the training at a third-party location. Reimbursement is not available for companies who train their own employees "in house."

Credentials

Currently, there are **over 900 approved credentials**. The exhaustive list can be found here.

If the desired credential has not been approved, Ohio TechCred will review the application and justification for adding the credential/certification and either approve or deny. Ohio Life Sciences can help provide justification for adding credentials to the Ohio TechCred program. Credentials do not have to be solely technology focused but can be generally focused on STEM and innovation. Ohio Life Sciences communicates directly with the Dept. of Development and the Lt. Governor's office to ensure this program is accessible to the life sciences industry.

Click here to learn more about Ohio TechCred.

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