



Minority Business Enterprise Cross Certification

To simplify the process for qualified businesses to obtain government contracts, the State of Ohio Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program has entered into reciprocal agreements with similar programs operated by municipalities and other entities.

The Cross Certification process reduces application review time to an average of approximately five business days after submission of required supporting documents. Similarly, those businesses certified with the state may be eligible for an expedited certification by the entities below.

To qualify for cross certification, the applicant must submit a Cross Certification application through the Ohio Business Gateway and a copy of the current certification issued by one of the entities listed below.

In addition to being certified by one of the entities below, the business owner(s) and the business must meet all requirements listed in Chapter 123:2-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code and may be subject to an on-site inspection.

Entities with reciprocal agreements

- City of Canton MBE Program
- City of Cincinnati Business Enterprise Program
- City of Columbus MBE Certification and Verification Program
- City of Dayton Procurement Enhancement Program (PEP) (Minority Business Enterprise portion of the PEP program only)
- City of Springfield MBE/FBE Program (MBE portion of the MBE/FBE program only)
- City of Toledo MBE Program
- Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council
- Ohio Turnpike Commission MBE/FBE Program (MBE portion of the MBE/FBE program only)

Steps for Cross Certification

- Visit Ohio Business Gateway.
- Log in using existing username and password.
- Select "Start a Service."
- Select "Equal Opportunity Division."
- Select "Cross Certification Application" and complete the form.
- Complete the confirmation and checkout process.



*Statewide entities:

- Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council
- Ohio Turnpike Commission MBE/FBE Program

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