

Supporting Documentation Checklist | Professionals

The purpose of the pilot streamlined certification process is to cut government “red tape” and reduce time to certify certain licensed professionals into either the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) programs. The professionals (identified below) were selected within areas of greatest agency need (*i.e.*, healthcare services, etc.). To utilize the professional certification process, the applicant must be a *sole proprietor* and employed as one of the following:

Accountants	Anesthesiologists and Nurse Anesthetists	Architects	Attorneys	Chemical Dependency Therapists
Chiropractors	Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists	Dentists and Dental Hygienists	Engineers	Midwives
Nurses and Nurse Practitioners	Occupational and Physical Therapists	Optometrists	Pharmacists	Physician Assistants
Physicians	Psychologists and Psychiatrists	Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists	Teachers	Veterinarians

To apply via this pilot process, an applicant must (a) complete an online Unified Application through the Ohio Business Gateway (obg.ohio.gov); (b) complete an affidavit of eligibility, which can be found online at mbe.ohio.gov and edge.ohio.gov, and (c) email the completed affidavit to das.bcu@das.ohio.gov.

Please note that applications submitted as a part of the streamlined certification process are subject to an on-site review, including a review of each of the documents listed below, by state compliance officers.

The following documents are required for *all* streamlined certification applicants:

<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxes
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional license(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> One year personal
<input type="checkbox"/> Resume	<input type="checkbox"/> One year business

Upon approval of the application, the company may receive its certification by email. Review takes an average of 19 days.

For additional information, contact the Equal Opportunity Division at 614-466-8380.