



ARMY COOL

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line

WHAT IS COOL?

Army Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is a website that provides information to Soldiers of all ranks about credentials related to their jobs including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships.

- » Provides background information about civilian certifications, licensure, examinations, and apprenticeships to include credential requirements and preparation resources.
- » Specifies credentials relevant to Army MOSs.
- » Identifies gaps between Army training and experience and civilian credentialing requirements and ways to bridge those gaps.
- » Provides information on resources available to Soldiers to facilitate credentialing.

WHAT IS ARMY CREDENTIALING ASSISTANCE (CA)?

Army Credentialing Assistance (CA)

Army Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program is a voluntary, off-duty program that is authorized to provide payment for credentialing expenses for classroom, hands-on, online/blended training, study guides, materials, textbooks, fees, exams, and/or recertification of credentials.



WHAT IS ARMYIGNITED?

ArmyIgnitED

ArmyIgnitED is the system that is used by Soldiers to submit CA Requests for funding. Data from Army COOL is uploaded into ArmyIgnitED monthly. ArmyIgnitED also contains vendor information for funding purposes.



Credentialing agencies that offer a credential that is listed on Army COOL, even if they do not offer training, must also be listed as a vendor in ArmyIgnitED for funding requests to be approved. Vendors must create an account in ArmyIgnitED to begin the process.

WHAT IS A VENDOR?

Vendor

Vendors eligible for Credentialing Assistance are reviewed by ACCESS, ArmyU and include colleges, universities, credentialing agencies, and other organizations that provide training in support of completing a credentialing exam or license.



HOW ARE COOL AND ARMY CA RELATED?

COOL and Army CA

- » All credentials that are eligible for CA funding must be listed on Army COOL.
- » Credentials included on COOL are reviewed by the Department of Defense (DOD). Credentials are analyzed carefully and must be relevant to a military occupation and meet COOL Credential Standards.
- » Soldiers may request CA funding in ArmyIgnitED for any credential that is currently listed on Army COOL.
- » Army COOL does not list vendors that provide training related to the attainment of a credential. Training vendors are listed separately in ArmyIgnitED and are maintained by ACCESS, ArmyU.

Vendor Guidance

- » Only credentials (certifications, federal licenses, and national examinations) are eligible to be listed on Army COOL.
- » Training or credential preparation programs may be approved for Army CA, but are not listed on Army COOL.



For more information, visit: Army COOL at <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/>