

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: APPLICANTS MUST ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY OF THE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE CERTIFICATION BOARD

Experience

- Practitioner Track: Four years of experience as an economic development professional in LA or other states or elsewhere or service on the board of directors of a Louisiana economic development group;
- Volunteer Track: No experience required.

Education

- Completion of the Louisiana Basic ED Course or an IEDC-sanctioned BEDC;
- In addition to the Basic Course, successful completion of five additional Louisiana economic development courses; The five courses must include two elective courses and all of the following core courses:
 - Marketing & Business Attraction
 - Business Retention/Expansion
 - Real Estate Development & Reuse

Other Requirements

- Passage of oral and written examinations after completion of the required and elective course.

Term of Certification

- Certified Louisiana Economic Developers will maintain their status for three years from the date of award.

Recertification

- Certified Louisiana Economic Developers will be eligible for recertification at the end of each certification period of three years upon furnishing proof to the certification board that they have met the following requirements:
 - Completion of an additional three Louisiana E.D. elective courses or equivalent offered by CDI or IEDC
 - Continued participation in statewide, regional and national E.D. organizations. Points will be awarded for the following E.D. professional activities.