

Credential Quality Improvement Awards

Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network (MRTQ PDN) is partnering with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (DHHS, OCFS) to offer \$650 Credential Quality Improvement Awards for individuals who earn a Maine Credential between January 1, 2024, and October 31, 2025

Purpose:

To recognize and reward individuals for earning a Maine Credential, focusing their training, coursework, and professional experience on a specific age group or population. Currently, Maine has 6 Credentials including:

- Infant Toddler Credential,
- Youth Development Credential,
- Director Credential,
- Technical Assistance Credential,
- Family Child Care Credential, and
- Inclusion Credential

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a Credential Quality Improvement Award, an individual must:

- Be an active Member of the MRTQ Registry.
- Complete all requirements of the Credential process and be awarded a Credential before October 31, 2025.
- Be approved to receive payment through the University of Maine System

Participants who earn a Director or Family Child Care Credential and work for or own a program with a Conditional Child Care license, will not be eligible to receive a Quality Improvement Award. Upon resolution of the conditional license, the participant may receive the award, depending on available funds.

Funding

Eligible individuals will receive a \$650 award plus reimbursement for the Credential application fee. Funding for the Credential Quality Improvement Awards is available on a first come, first served basis until October 31, 2025, or until funds are exhausted.

For information about the Credentials, visit the [Maine Credentials](#) webpage.

For questions about the Credential Quality Improvement Awards, please contact karen.bergeron@maine.edu.