



Ohio Revised Code

Section 122.1713

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(A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of this state as specified in section 9.34 of the Revised Code.
- (2) "Individual microcredential assistance program" means the individual microcredential assistance program created under section 122.1710 of the Revised Code.
- (3) "Microcredential" has the same meaning as in section 122.178 of the Revised Code.
- (4) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of development, in consultation with the governor's office of workforce transformation, shall establish an institutional platinum provider program for state institutions of higher education approved to participate in the individual microcredential assistance program.

(C) Each state institution of higher education shall do both of the following:

- (1) Provide at least two in-person training programs and at least one online training program for individuals to earn a microcredential;
- (2) Not later than the thirty-first day of December immediately after the effective date of this section, and not later than the thirty-first day of December of each year thereafter, apply to participate in the individual microcredential assistance program.

(D) If the director approves a state institution of higher education's application to participate in the individual microcredential assistance program, all of the following apply:



- (1) The director shall designate the institution as an institutional platinum provider.
 - (2) The institution may participate in the institutional platinum provider program established under this section.
 - (3) The institution is eligible to apply for one or more advance payments under this section to cover training costs for individuals to earn a microcredential.
- (E) An institutional platinum provider may apply for an initial advance payment of not more than twenty per cent of the total reimbursement amount the institution seeks under division (C) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code. If an institution submits an application under this division, the director shall provide an advance payment to the institution in the amount specified in the application.
- (F) After each training program that an institutional platinum provider administers during a fiscal year that results in at least one individual earning a microcredential, the institution may apply for a subsequent advance payment of not more than twenty per cent of the total reimbursement amount the institution seeks under division (C) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code. If an institution applies for a subsequent advance payment under this division, one of the following applies depending on the training program's completion rate:
- (1) If at least fifty per cent of the individuals who participated in the training program earned a microcredential, the director shall provide a subsequent advance payment to the institution in the amount specified in the application.
 - (2) If less than fifty per cent of the individuals who participated in the training program earned a microcredential, to be eligible for a subsequent advance payment, the institution shall refund to the director a certain per cent of the advance payment amount that was last provided to the institution during the fiscal year as determined under division (F)(2)(a) of this section.
- (a) The per cent an institution must refund to be eligible for a subsequent advance payment under division (F)(2) of this section is the difference between fifty per cent and the per cent of individuals who earned a microcredential.



(b) For an institution to whom division (F)(2) of this section applies, if the institution complies with that division, the director shall provide a subsequent advance payment to the institution in the amount specified in the institution's application. If the institution does not comply with that division, the director shall not provide a subsequent advance payment.

(G) In no case shall the total amount of the advance payments an institutional platinum provider receives under this section during any fiscal year exceed the total reimbursement amount the institution seeks under division (C) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code.

(H) If the director approves a reimbursement application that an institutional platinum provider submits under division (F) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code, the director shall reimburse the institution in accordance with that division for the total actual cost for the institution to provide training to individuals who earned a microcredential less the total advance payment amount provided to the institution under this section. The director shall not reimburse the institution for any amounts the institution refunded to the director under division (F)(2) of this section. If the institution specifies in the reimbursement application that the total actual cost for the institution to provide the training is less than the total advance payment amount provided to the institution under this section, the institution shall refund to the director the difference between the advance payment amount and the actual training cost.