

Certificate of Achievement and Employability (HB 86)

- Issued by the ODRC to offenders who are currently incarcerated or on supervision with the Adult Parole Authority.
- Licensing agencies must give offenders with a certificate individualized consideration, if the offender's conviction would bar him/her from obtaining licensure.
- The certificate does NOT guarantee employment.
- Offenders must fill out an application to obtain the certificate and must meet certain criteria.
 - The offender must successfully complete one or more in-prison vocational programs. (It should be noted that the collateral sanction for which relief is being sought, must be related to this vocational program).
 - The offender must have completed one or more cognitive or behavioral improvement programs while incarcerated, on supervision, or both.
 - The offender must complete 120 hours of community service while incarcerated, on supervision, or both.
 - The offender must show other evidence of achievement and rehabilitation (such as obtaining a GED, completing anger management, etc.) while incarcerated, on supervision, or both.
- If the offender meets all criteria, offenders can apply for a certificate as early as 1 year prior to their release date (or parole hearing date). The offender can also apply for a certificate if placed on supervision upon release.
- Certificates can be revoked if the offender is convicted of any offense other than a minor misdemeanor or traffic offense. The certificate cannot be revoked for a violation of a condition of release unless the violation is also a criminal offense.