

In-Demand Industry Funding (I-DIF) FAQs

What is In-Demand Industry Funding?

- According to [15-393](#), CTED can fund a student for 4 years beginning their 9th grade year. The budget includes 4 years of funding during a 5 year window. The window is from grades 9 through the immediate year following graduation (13th year). Students must be enrolled in an In-Demand Industry program as defined by Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity for their 9th and/or 13th year to obtain funding. Typically this list is published annually in December.

Is this the same as the CTED Completion Grant?

- No. The CTED Grant is funded annually by the state budget approval process. The 4th Year funding is part of a bill that has been passed and will continue to be part of the budget until the bill has been amended.
- Both the CTED Grant and the In-Demand Industry funding (if they qualify) allows for students to enroll immediately following their high school graduation, if they qualify.

What does 4th year funding mean?

- A student is funded for four years of career and technical education (CTE) programs in a span of 5 years, from 9th grade through the year immediately after their graduation. The years do not have to be consecutive.

Who is eligible for the In-Demand Industry funding?

- High school graduates that enroll the semester after their graduation
 - Graduate in Spring - Enroll in Fall
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 - Please check our course catalog for programs that are starting in January. We have multiple start dates for programs.
- Must enroll in a program that is approved by by Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity list of regional in-demand programs

How will I know if I qualify for the I-DIF program?

- Look at your transcript. If you have not taken four years of CTE programs, then you qualify.
- If you have taken 4 years of CTE programs, see if your program is on the In-Demand Industry list. If it is not listed, then you still qualify for I-DIF funding.
- If you have taken 4 years of CTE, and all four years are listed on the In-Demand Industry list, you may not qualify for the funding.
- When in doubt, submit an application and the Admission Specialists will contact you.

EVIT serves students in both Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Can I take a Pinal In-Demand Industry program if I live in Maricopa County?

- EVIT serves both Maricopa and Pinal Counties. As long as a student lives in the EVIT boundaries, they can take an In-Demand Industry program from either list. (ADE, 12.6.22)

For a student that goes on to serve a mission immediately after high school, would the In-Demand Industry Funding (I-DIF) apply after they return from their mission trip?

- Per statute the student must take the course in the year immediately following the student's graduation. (ADE, 12.6.22)

If a student took the GED exam and passed it, and were under the age of 18, would they be eligible for In-Demand Industry Funding (I-DIF) for the upcoming year?

- Per ADE, 12.6.22, "We need to consult with the new leadership team once they take office."

If a student completes 50% of a CTE program at their home school, are they eligible to attend EVIT the year after they graduate to complete the program?

- This does not apply to the I-DIF program.
- A student can complete the first 50% of their program at their home school, pending the home school program is an EVIT-board approved program, and enroll at EVIT to finish their program under the CTED Grant.

How does a student enroll in the In-Demand Industry Funding (I-DIF) program?

- Submit an application through our enrollment system to create their "Adult file." Our Adult Enrollment Advisors will reach out.

If a junior takes Nursing Assistant (2-year program) for one year then Pharmacy Technician (1-year program) senior year, wants to come back for 2nd year of Nursing Assistant after HS, that will count under the In-Demand Industry Funding (I-DIF)?

- Yes, if the program is listed on the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity In-Demand Regional Program list, and they qualify for funding.

If a freshman takes the first year of a program at their home school, can they enroll in the second year at EVIT immediately after graduation to finish the program?

- Due to the amount of time between the first year and second year, It is recommended that the student enroll in the first year of the program again.
- Must enroll in a program that is approved by by Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity list of regional in-demand programs

If a student graduates high school before they are 18, can they enroll themselves into an Adult Career Training Program through the In-Demand Industry Funding (I-DIF) program?

- If the student is under 18, a parent/guardian signature is required to enroll them at EVIT.
- Age does not disqualify students for the I-DIF program.

If a student enrolls in the In-Demand Industry Funding (I-DIF) program, and they leave before finishing the program, do they need to pay tuition?

- Yes, EVIT will put a charge on the student account for pro-rated tuition amount for the time they were enrolled in the program.

I am graduating in May 2023. I want to start a program that has a June 2023 start date. Can I start or do I have to wait until July 1, 2023.

- All I-DIF Regionally approved programs are July 1-June 30. If you want to start in June, the program must be on the 22-23 I-DIF program list. If you want to start after July 1, the program must be on the 23-24 I-DIF program list.
- For funding, the funding will be split over different fiscal years for June enrollment.

As long as the EVIT program teaches 100% of the ADE program standards, does it matter if I take the blended course or the adult course?

- Checking with Edith to interpret ADE guidance