

# Career Readiness Indicator Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to help guide the process for review of a Career Readiness Indicator (CRI). It is the responsibility of the local education agency proposing the addition of the CRI to gather the information and submit it to Josh Laney, Assistant Director for Workforce Development. Answers should be as concise as possible. Information should be submitted as a completed packet, not piecemeal. Additional information may be included at the discretion of the applying agency if it might be pertinent to the evaluation process.

## Contact information for person filling out questionnaire

Full Name of the Career Readiness Indicator:

**Beef Quality Assurance: Comprehensive Beef Quality Assurance**

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Date of submittal:

## Why do we want this CRI?

1. What industry is asking for the CRI? (List multiple if applicable.) **The Beef Industry—from producers to consumers, haulers to packagers, to anywhere else in this industry that has a multi-billion dollar impact in our state.**
2. What companies within the in industry are requesting this CRI? (Attach letters of request on company letterhead.) **Cargill, JBS, Tyson, and all major packing plants require their suppliers (farmers/producers) to be BQA certified. Feedyards, cow/calf operations, and auction markets will require their employees to be BQA certified upon being hired.**
3. What entity, company, or testing agency is the “owner” of the CRI? (Who determines what it takes to earn the CRI?) *Provide contact numbers, names, websites, or other info for inquiries.*  
**National Cattlemen’s Beef Association**  
**[www.bqa.org](http://www.bqa.org)**  
**Josh White—[jwhite@beef.org](mailto:jwhite@beef.org)--303.850.3379**  
  
**Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University**  
**[www.beefcattleinstitute.org](http://www.beefcattleinstitute.org) or [www.animalcaretraining.org](http://www.animalcaretraining.org)**  
**Dr. Dan Thomson 785.532.4844**  
  
**Alabama BQA State Coordinator**  
**Dr. Soren Rodning (334) 844-7502**
4. For what career technical program(s) is the CRI being requested?  
**Pathway: Animal Systems, Program: Animal Systems**  
**Pathway: General Agriscience, Program: General Agriscience**

## How does one actually get the CRI?

5. How long does it take for a student to earn this CRI? (Answer in approximate hours of instruction, not school years or terms. Give an average or best estimate.) **25 instructional hours and 5 testing hours**

6. How does the student earn the CRI? (Does the student have to take a written exam, log a certain number of hours, complete a skills demonstration, some combination of these, etc?)  
**The student will watch a series of training modules and has to successfully complete a quiz following each training module to receive the certification. A score of 80% or higher must be obtained on each quiz for certification. The video series will be supplemental to the teacher led classroom instruction.**
7. Is there a minimum age requirement for gaining the CRI? **No**
8. Are students required to be graduates before earning the CRI? **No**
9. Are there minimum pre-requisite course requirements for earning the CRI?  
**No, but the Agriscience teacher should incorporate the certification into their unit or lessons that involve the beef industry.**
10. What equipment is required to train for this CRI? (Only list items which are different than what would be found on the standard equipment list for the program.)  
**No additional items**
11. Does the earning of the CRI require the student to have computer access for the testing?  
**Yes**

### How much does it cost and what resources are required?

12. What is the cost of the exam for earning this CRI?  
**No cost if taken in open enrollment periods or with the availability of coupon codes. Otherwise the exam is \$25.00 per exam.**
13. Is there a practice test available from the CRI issuer or from other parties?  
**No practice test is available, but the Agriscience teacher should teach relevant material prior to students going through the training modules and exam.**
- If yes, does the practice test have a cost in addition to the actual exam and if so, how much?
  - Can rights to the practice material be purchased once or is there a recurring fee?
14. Who can administer the exam? (Some CRIs prohibit the person who trained the student from administering the exam.)  
**Exam is given online. The teacher can register students to keep up with scores if desired. The teacher will create an account as a manager.**
15. Is special certification or licensure required for a teacher to administer the CRI?  
**No, but the student will have to recertify every 3 years. It is recommended that the teacher/instructor maintain their certification as well.**
- If yes, what is the cost for gaining the appropriate licensure?
  - Is this a one-time or recurring fee?

16. Is site, facility, or equipment certification required for administering the CRI?

**No**

- a. If yes, what costs are included?
- b. Is this a one-time or recurring fee?