

INDOT
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)
and
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Airport Concessions Program (ACDBE)
October 3, 2025, Interim Final Rules
Frequently Asked Questions

This information will be most helpful to businesses that are currently certified by INDOT as a DBE or ACDBE. For the purposes of this FAQ, the term DBE collectively refers to the DBE and ACDBE program. Note that there may be additional requirements for ACDBE certification.

Information on new in-state DBE certification application can be found [here](#).

1. What is the Interim Final Rule issued on October 3, 2025?

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) on October 3, 2025 which substantially revised the regulations governing its DBE based on race and gender. To be certified as a DBE applicants must demonstrate social and economic disadvantages. You can access the USDOT IFR and FAQs [here](#).

2. What are the Requirements to Be Certified as a DBE? The general requirements for certification as a DBE are that the business must be:

- a. A “small business” as defined in 49 CFR §26; and
- b. At least 51% owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals defined in 49 CFR §26.67, who are U.S. citizens and/or legal permanent residents; and
- c. Owners must demonstrate daily operational control, industry expertise, and decision-making authority; and
- d. Owner(s) who make up 51% of the business cannot exceed \$2,047,000.

3. How does this impact my DBE certification?

The IFR requires INDOT to reevaluate all currently certified DBE businesses. INDOT will provide an opportunity to submit documentation demonstrating its eligibility under the IFR.

4. What am I required to submit for the reevaluation process? The IFR requires a currently certified DBE to submit a personal narrative, current personal net worth statement, and any other financial information the business owner considers relevant. More information about the re-evaluation process and what’s needed is available [here](#).

5. Where can I find the Personal Net Worth form? Is my previous completed form accessible to me? The form can be found [here](#). Please note you will still need to input the

personal net worth information into the application per the requirements of the new IFR. This form cannot be uploaded or transferred. It is provided so you know what information is needed to satisfy the requirement.

6. I've been a DBE for many years, why is INDOT making me start over now?

INDOT's role is to administer the DBE program and ensure compliance with the law. The reevaluation certification and eligibility decisions are made based strictly on federal regulations, including the IFR.

7. How much does it cost to apply for reevaluation? There is no charge for DBE reevaluation or a new application to become a certified DBE.

8. What is a personal narrative and how do I submit it? The personal narrative is a required written statement in which you, as the business owner, explain the barriers you have faced in education, employment, or business, and how those barriers have caused economic harm. The narrative must be detailed and compelling to demonstrate that the owner is both socially and economically disadvantaged compared to other similarly situated non-disadvantaged persons. Your personal narrative must be submitted to the application in ITAP.

9. Does my current certification count toward goals during reevaluation? No. Until the reevaluation process is complete, DBE participation will not count toward DBE contract goals, and recipients may not set new DBE goals.

10. How Long Does the Reevaluation Process Take? Reevaluation applications will be completed on a first-come basis. Processing times will vary based on volume.

11. Is there a deadline for submitting documentation for reevaluation? What happens if I miss that deadline? Firms that do not complete the reevaluation form by the priority submission date (April 23, 2026) will remain ineligible for the DBE Program. If you decide not to complete the reevaluation process, simply send an email to boiinquiry@indot.in.gov that indicates that your firm has decided not to participate in the DBE program moving forward and would like to withdraw from the program. After the priority submission date, your firm may continue to apply for reevaluation at any point.

12. If my DBE is recertified through the reevaluation process, will its certification anniversary remain the date of its original certification or the date it is recertified under the new IFR certification standards? The certification anniversary of a DBE recertified under the reevaluation process at 49 CFR § 26.111 will continue to be the date of the DBE's original certification under the DBE certification standards issued prior to October 3, 2025.

13. **Should I submit my DOE during the reevaluation process?** The DOE process is currently paused to allow INDOT to concentrate on new applicants, interstate applicants, and the reevaluation process. INDOT anticipates resuming the DOE process in January 2027. More details will be communicated in the future.
14. **How often will DBE certification have to be renewed?** There is no renewal required. The program continues to provide an opportunity for certified DBEs to affirm continued eligibility for the program. INDOT anticipates the DOE process will resume in January 2027 and will provide additional guidance as it becomes available.
15. **In the past we were certified as a DBE with INDOT and were able to go through a streamlined process to become certified in a neighboring state. If we get reapproved, will this process still work?** Yes, this process is the interstate application which is only available after you've completed your reevaluation application in your jurisdiction of certification (home state).
16. **What if I can't remember my ITAP password? Who can I call for technical assistance?** You can reset your ITAP password by clicking "Change" under "Recover Email Address." If you need help with ITAP, Click the Help link in the ITAP Dashboard header to access help documentation. If you need additional assistance, you may contact the ITAP support team by clicking the Contact link in the ITAP Dashboard header and follow the instructions. If this does not work for you, please contact INDOT customer service at 855-INDOT4U or indot4u.com.
17. **Can I submit the required reevaluation paperwork by phone?** No, you will need to use a computer to complete the application process. A phone or tablet will not work.
18. **Where can I find more information and help for the reevaluation process?** Step-by-step guides for the reevaluation and new application processes are available on the BOI webpage [here](#). You may also direct specific questions to BOlinquiry@indot.in.gov