


# Pathways to Industry Relevance

IRWA unveils a new global credentialing program

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**For the very first time in the Association's history, you can now earn your credential in the actual industry in which you work. January marked the inaugural release of IRWA's new Credentialing Program that repositions the SR/WA designation to align with our core industry segments.**

Get credentialed in the industry  
*YOU* serve!



**OIL & GAS**      **ELECTRIC & UTILITIES**

**TRANSPORTATION**      **INDUSTRY GENERALIST**

To get started, just pick your pathway!

IRWA's new Credentialing Program offers a clear pathway of progressive credentialing options for infrastructure professionals in Oil & Gas, Electric & Utilities, Transportation, as well as an Industry Generalist pathway. With progressive credentialing options in each industry, a member can start with the Right of Way Agent (RWA) novice credential, followed by the Right of Way Professional (RWP) intermediate level credential. The final level is the Senior Right of Way Agent (SR/WA), our premiere designation and advanced level credential.

At each level, the robust curriculum has been carefully curated by industry experts—providing a depth of understanding from various aspects within right of way and infrastructure development. To support this program, IRWA is currently creating a world-class faculty through the CLIMB instructor development program, enhancing the skills of current instructors while recruiting and training new instructors to join us in educating the infrastructure professionals of today...and tomorrow.

To encourage more members—both domestically and abroad—to earn their credentials, we have created a simple three-step process with only one application to complete.

In early January, a special webinar training session was held with IRWA's Chapter Professional Development Chairs. Led by President-elect Mary Anne Marr, the feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. PDC Chairs were particularly impressed by how well the program shows you what you need to do to get where you need to go.

We want more and more IRWA students both domestically and abroad to earn their credential- we want them to spend their energy on learning not on complicated processes and administrative tasks. Now that IRWA has simplified the process, I invite you to visit our credentialing site and encourage you to take the next important step on your professional development pathway. 🌟



Check out IRWA's new streamlined 3-step process to credentialing.



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