# Gateways to Opportunity® Credentials Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Renewals and Level Advancements

**Is it time to renew or level advance your Gateways to Opportunity Credential?** You may have some questions about what to do next.

## **Do Gateways Credentials expire?**

Yes. Credentials expire every five years.

### How do I renew my Gateways Credential(s)?

Each Credential requires additional education and/or training to renew. The Gateways Registry tracks verified professional development training hours, that are recorded automatically on your *Professional Development Record*, which you can access at any time. Coursework from an accredited college or university that relates to your Credential also counts for renewal.

## Is there a cost to renew my Gateways Credential(s)?

Yes. There is a cost to renew. Visit <u>www.ilgateways.com</u> for current renewal fee information.

# How do I level advance my current Gateways Credential(s)?

Higher levels of Credentials can be achieved as your education, training, and work experience increase. Once you have completed additional education and training specific to your Credential(s), you can apply to level advance. Send updated official transcripts and/or Credential approved training certificates along with your level advance application.

### Is there a cost to level advance my Gateways Credential(s)?

Yes, there is a cost to level advance. Visit <u>www.ilgateways.com</u> for current level advancement fee information. Level advancement is recommended only if you have completed additional education and/or training since you were initially awarded a Credential.



