

As a Work Ready Communities meets goals they move to maintaining their certification. Each period of certification provides a county the opportunity to document its continued workforce development efforts through ACT Work Ready Communities maintaining criteria.

Maintaining status goals are based on the same demographic data. The Current Status and county size categories are the same. Some of the required percentages are lowered and there are more goal options.

Current Status Categories	
Current workforce	Currently employed: Private or nonprofit Currently employed: local, state, or federal government
Transitioning workforce	Currently unemployed Adult education participant Current or recent active duty military Justice involved individuals
Emerging workforce	High school junior, senior, or recent graduate College student or recent graduate

County size (population)	Current workforce	Transitioning work- force	Emerging workforce	Employers supporting	NCRC cap	Employer cap
Small Up to 29,999	.25%	7.5%	25%	5%	700	70
Medium 30,000 - 99,999	.15%	6%	25%	5%	1,500	120
Large A 100,000 - 399,999	.05%	5%	15%	2.5%	2,300	225
Large B 400,000 - 649,999	.0357%	3.75%	10%	1.25%	3,000	300
Very Large 650,000 - 999,999	.025%	2.5%	5%	1%	3,700	375
Mega Over 1,000,000	.001%	1.25%	2.5%	.065%	4,200	425

Goal options	Goal	Points per goal met	Current Status
Emerging Current Transitioning	Per county size	1 Each	1 point must come from the Current Status categories (may earn up to 3 points) which are based on NCRCs earned
Goal option	Goal	Points per goal met	Employer Goals 1 point must be earned from Employer Goals (May earn up to 3 points)
New Employers Supporting	Per county size	1	Increase new employers supporting by meeting goal set per county size
Upgrade or increase employers supporting	30% of employers recognizing	1	Increase the total number of employers that have shown their support by recognizing the WorkKeys NCRC at the beginning of this Maintaining period to Recommending the WorkKeys NCRC
Job or curriculum profiles	Per county size	1	Small—1, Medium—2, Large A/B—3, Very Large—4 Mega—5
Estimator	Per county size	1	Small—3, Medium—6 , Large A/B—9, Very Large—12, Mega—15
Goal option	Goal	Points per goal met	Additional Goal Options May earn up to 3 points
NCRC for college credit	1	1	Community or technical college will provide college credit for the ACTNCRC, according to American Council on Education guidelines
Testimonial Case Study Podcast Interview	1	1	Provide a testimonial, case study, or participate in a Ready for Work Podcast
Add WorkKeys Curriculum	1	.5	Add ACT WorkKeys Curriculum to your current ACT WorkKeys offering and receive credit.
Provide a presentation	1	.5	Volunteer to provide an ACT Work Ready Community Best Practice presentation at an upcoming ACT event.
Host Regional WRC Boot Camp	1	2	Expand your existing Certified WRC to three or more jurisdictions in your region by hosting an abbreviated ACT Work Ready Communities Regional Academy
Improved certificates	30% of Bronze	1	Improve 30% of last years' bronze certificates to a higher level