

Type-Specific Eligibility Standards

LGBTQ+

- Business must be a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business entity authorized under the laws of the United States
- Is at least 51 percent owned, operated, and controlled by persons who identify as LGBTQ+
- Independently owned, operated, and controlled and can demonstrate the ability to be considered a "going concern," as in the business has sufficient resources needed to continue operating indefinitely by normal industry standards
- Management, as specified in the certification application, is responsible for both daily and long-term operation, and owns at least 51 percent interest in the business and consists of individuals who identify as LGBTQ+
- Control by members of the LGBTQ+ community must be real, substantial, and continuing, demonstrating authority over the affairs of the business, and must go beyond the pro forma ownership of the business as reflected in its ownership documents
- When a professional or occupational license or certification is required by Federal or State law to perform the primary business operations of the applicant business, and the LGBTQ+ business does not possess the applicable license or certification, the LGBTQ+ owner must demonstrate competence in the affairs of the business in order to satisfy the requirement for managerial and operational control