How to verify a CTP credential, and spot a fake

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Anyone can write a credential on a CV. If you are hiring or working with someone who claims to hold an IICTP CTP™, here is how to check.

TL;DR The short version

- Anyone can write a credential on a CV, so check a claimed CTP yourself.
- Ask for the holder's name and credential ID and look it up in the IICTP public registry, typing the address yourself.
- Treat certificates missing from the registry, or lookups hosted anywhere but iictp.org, as warning signs.

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Check it yourself

1. Ask for the holder's name and credential ID.
2. Go to the IICTP public registry by typing the address yourself.
3. Search the record and compare the holder, credential and status with the claim.
4. A credential that has lapsed or been withdrawn will show that in its status.

Warning signs

- A certificate image that cannot be found in the registry.
- A lookup page hosted anywhere other than iictp.org.
- An ID format that does not match the registry's.
- Pressure to skip verification.

What the registry does not tell you

A record confirms that IICTP issued the credential. It does not tell you how well someone performs. IICTP is an independent technical credentialing body governed by the TPBOK™ standard, so weigh the credential alongside a candidate's portfolio and technical interview. See the registry policy.

Related credential: Certified Technical Practitioner. Explore the exam facts and syllabus.

Sources and further reading

1. IICTP. Verify a credential. iictp.org/verify.
2. IICTP. Registry policy. iictp.org/registry-policy.

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