Credential Validation Service (CVS)

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Total Validations by Type

The number of validations over the last eight years has been very stable between (150-180), with two outliers. In 2017-2018 we see a significant decrease (118) due to the strike and in 2021-2022 we see a significant increase (260) due to the Apprenticeship OCC Project. The number of Title Modifications over the last eight years has been constant (average 30, representing 15% of the total validations).
Validations by Credential (2015-2023)

The spike in Ontario College Certificates (OCC) in 2021-2022 is due to the Apprenticeship OCC Project. Validations of Ontario College Diplomas (OCD) have been relatively stable over the years. The validation of Ontario College Advanced Diplomas (OCAD) has always been low and with the introduction of three-year degrees they have nearly stopped. The highest number of validations since 2011-
2012 have been the Ontario College Graduate Certificates (OCGC) except for 2021-2022, this is likely because colleges are responding to the demands of the international market and employment opportunities in new fields of practice.

Validations by Credential and Funding Type

Overtime we have seen a slow decline in the number of Ontario College Certificates validated for funding. The movement we see on the red line represents in its entirety the apprenticeship programs that were validated under the Apprenticeship OCC Project from its inception in 2017-2018 to its completion in 2021-2022. In total 264 programs were validated.
Ontario College Diplomas are rarely validated as not for funding. In 2021-2022 most of the program development work was devoted to the apprenticeship programs, therefore all other credentials show a decline. In 2022-2023 we see an increase in the validation of funded Diplomas, bringing the two last years to the previous five-year average.
Ontario College Advanced Diplomas are hardly ever validated as not funded. Over time we have seen a decline in the validation of Ontario College Advanced Diplomas, as colleges take advantage of the opportunity to validate three-year degrees.
The Ontario College Graduate Certificate represent 50% of all validations. Over the last five years we have seen a rapid growth in the validation of this credential to meet the international student market demand. This is the credential most validated as not funded and continues to increase over time.
One can clearly see the spike of not funded validated Ontario College Certificates (OCC) in 2021-2022 due to the Apprenticeship OCC Project. The number of validations of funded Ontario College Certificates (OCC), Ontario College Diplomas (OCD) and Ontario College Graduate Certificates (OCGC) have been relatively stable over the years.