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As described in the Program Advisory (PA) titled, “A Comprehensive Guide to New and Ongoing Professional Development Opportunities in Ethics,” [PA-22-05 \(PDF\)](#), all ethics officials can work towards an annual Professional Ethics Practitioner (PEP) certificate. OGE designed the annual PEP certificate for ethics officials who are performing some or all functions of an ethics program at full competency and who wish to maintain their skills and stay current with policy changes and developing practices in the ethics profession. To learn more about the annual PEP certificate, please review the [PEP Explainer \(PDF\)](#).

Each year, OGE hosts a variety of offerings that are eligible for PEP credits, such as virtual lectures on recent advisories, peer-to-peer and other workshops, Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) meetings, networking events, community meetings, and recorded and interactive trainings on a wide range of ethics topics. Keep an eye out for future emails from OGE announcing these offerings to the ethics community, and remember, many other offerings eligible for PEP credits are readily available in the [Institute for Ethics in Government's course library](#).

You can use the [PEP Progress Chart \(PDF\)](#) to record the offerings you watch/attend and track your progress throughout the year. Once you have earned six (6) PEP credits in 2026, you can apply for your certificate. The application is now open and available under the resources listed on the [“Professional Development for Ethics Officials” page](#) on OGE’s website. An unhidden, direct link to the application is also provided below.

2026 Application for PEP Certificate:

<https://extapps2.oge.gov/PEP/PEP2026/PEP2026.nsf/PEP?OpenForm>

For questions regarding PEP, please contact the Institute for Ethics in Government at trainingregistration@oge.gov.

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