Worksheet: Criteria For Evaluating And Comparing Certification Programs

Certifications	Certification Provider: The Fiber Optic Association	Certification Provider: Other	Certification Provider: Other
Name of Certification	CFOT(TM)		
Certifying body	The Fiber Optic Association Inc.		
Type of certifying body	Non-profit professional organization		
Year First Offered	1997		
Number Certified	89,000+ (10/2022)		
Number of trainers offering the certification	200+ in 40+ countries		
Number of classes given by affiliated training organizations	11,000+		
Developed by:	Independent industry advisors and trainers worldwide		
Criteria for certification	FOA KSAs (knowledge, skills and abilities)		

References for knowledge tests	FOA textbooks, online Guide, industry standards, Fiber U		
Options for training classes or work experience	Yes, Approved schools, work-to-cert, OJT-to-cert		
Provides curriculum	Yes, free to approved schools, available for all certification topics		
Industry standards	Follows all US and international fiber optic standards		
Customize curriculum	Yes, instructor may customize curriculum adding specific materials appropriate for their classes		
Online testing	Classmarker, free to school		
Conforms to ISO 17024	Yes		
Certifies Instructors	Yes, CFOS/I		
Certification programs for additional skills and applications	Yes, 11, covering skills and applications		