

MINORITY BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

The National Minority Supplier Development Council has [standardized procedures](#) to assure consistent and identical review and certification of minority-owned businesses. These businesses are certified by NMSDC's [affiliate regional council](#) nearest to the company's headquarters.

A minority-owned business is a for-profit enterprise, regardless of size, physically located in the United States or its trust territories, which is owned, operated and controlled by minority group members.

"Minority group members" are United States citizens who are Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American.

Ownership by minority individuals means the business is at least 51% owned by such individuals or, in the case of a publicly-owned business, at least 51% of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals. Further, the management and daily operations are controlled by those minority group members.

Definition

For purposes of NMSDC's program, a minority group member is an individual who is a U.S. citizen with at least 1/4 or 25% minimum (documentation to support claim of 25% required from applicant) of the following:

Asian-Indian	A U.S. citizen whose origins are from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.
Asian-Pacific	A U.S. citizen whose origins are from Japan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific or the Northern Marianas.
Black	A U.S. citizen having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
Hispanic	A U.S. citizen of true-born Hispanic heritage, from any of the Spanish-speaking areas of the following regions: Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean Basin only. Brazilians (Afro-Brazilian, indigenous/Indian only) shall be listed under Hispanic designation for review and certification purposes.
Native American	A person who is an American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut or Native Hawaiian, and regarded as such by the community of which the person claims to be a part. Native Americans must be documented members of a North American tribe, band or otherwise organized group of native people who are indigenous to the continental United States and proof can be provided through a Native American Blood Degree Certificate (i.e., tribal registry letter, tribal roll register number).

If the above information applies to you and your business, then contact the NMSDC affiliate council near you to obtain additional information on the certification process. Certification fees vary by council and can be found on their websites.

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