

Integration Designation Requirements

Methodology

Requirements and application processes for
CGMI-A, CGMI-P, CGMI-C, and CGMI-CA designations.

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This document consolidates the requirements, application processes, and renewal terms for all four CGMI integration designations.

1 Designation Overview

CGMI integration designations are formal recognitions issued to ecosystem participants who adopt CGMI protocols within their operations. Designations are not limited to schools — they are available to authorizers, network operators, compliance programs, and individual practitioners. Each designation signals a commitment to a shared governance standard and unlocks specific capabilities within the CGMI ecosystem.

Designation	Awarded to	What It Signals	Cost	Status
CGMI-A Recognized Authorizer	Charter authorizer	Has formally adopted CGMI-A protocols in oversight and renewal	No charge	Available
CGMI-P Recognized Network Partner	CMO / EMO / network operator	Has implemented CGMI-P portfolio governance tracking	No charge	Available
CGMI-C Aligned Program	State association / grant program	Has formally mapped program requirements to CGMI criteria	No charge	Available
CGMI-CA Certified Appraiser	Individual practitioner	Credentialed to conduct official CGMI Certified Appraisals	Training fee (TBD)	Coming soon

All designations are issued by CGMI and subject to annual renewal. Designations are non-transferable and apply to the specific entity or individual named. CGMI reserves the right to revoke a designation if the holder no longer meets the requirements.

2 CGMI-A — Recognized Authorizer

For charter authorizers who want to formally recognize and use CGMI maturity ratings in their oversight processes.

Who Is Eligible

Any entity that serves as a charter school authorizer: state education agencies, independent chartering boards, university authorizers, nonprofit authorizers, and local school districts with chartering authority.

Requirements

- ✓ R1. Authorizer has reviewed and accepted the CGMI-A protocol documentation.
- ✓ R2. At least one authorizer staff member has completed CGMI-A orientation training (provided by CGMI at no charge).
- ✓ R3. Authorizer has established a process for receiving and reviewing CGMI evidence packages from schools in its portfolio.
- ✓ R4. Authorizer has committed to referencing CGMI ratings in at least one formal oversight process (renewal evaluation, annual oversight review, or compliance monitoring).

Application Process

- Step 1.** Complete the CGMI-A designation inquiry form (online or via email).
- Step 2.** CGMI schedules and conducts an orientation session with authorizer staff (1–2 hours, virtual).
- Step 3.** Authorizer reviews the CGMI-A protocol documentation.
- Step 4.** Authorizer establishes an internal process for evidence package receipt and review.
- Step 5.** Authorizer signs the CGMI-A Recognition Agreement.
- Step 6.** CGMI issues the CGMI-A Recognized Authorizer designation and activates the portfolio dashboard.

Typical timeline: 4–6 weeks from inquiry to designation.

What You Receive

- CGMI-A Recognized Authorizer designation (publicly listed on cgmi.institute)
- Portfolio dashboard access showing CGMI level distribution across all rated schools
- Level trend reporting by school and across portfolio
- Ability to receive pre-formatted CGMI-A evidence packages from schools
- Peer benchmarking against comparable authorizer portfolios

Annual Renewal

Confirmation that the authorizer continues to reference CGMI ratings in at least one formal oversight process. No additional training required unless protocol changes are published.

3 CGMI-P — Recognized Network Partner

For CMOs, EMOs, and network operators who manage governance across multiple charter school boards.

Who Is Eligible

Any organization that provides governance management or support to three or more charter school boards: charter management organizations (CMOs), education management organizations (EMOs), and network operators.

Requirements

- ✓ R1. Network operator has enrolled a minimum of 3 schools in a CGMI-recognized governance program.
- ✓ R2. At least one Guided Appraisal (GA) has been completed per enrolled school.
- ✓ R3. Network governance officer has completed CGMI-P orientation training (provided by CGMI at no charge).
- ✓ R4. Network has established a governance improvement process that references CGMI ratings (e.g., annual governance review, board training prioritization, resource allocation).

Application Process

- Step 1.** Complete the CGMI-P designation inquiry form.
- Step 2.** CGMI reviews portfolio enrollment and appraisal completion status.
- Step 3.** CGMI conducts orientation session with network governance officer (1–2 hours, virtual).
- Step 4.** Network operator signs the CGMI-P Recognition Agreement.
- Step 5.** CGMI issues designation and activates the network portfolio dashboard.

Typical timeline: 3–5 weeks from inquiry to designation.

What You Receive

- CGMI-P Recognized Network Partner designation (publicly listed on cgmi.institute)
- Network portfolio dashboard with maturity distribution across all enrolled schools
- Domain capability comparison and governance gap prioritization analytics
- Network benchmarking against peer networks
- Ability to designate Level 4+ schools as governance anchor schools

Annual Renewal

Continued enrollment of at least 3 schools with active CGMI appraisals. Networks that drop below the minimum threshold retain their designation for one grace period (12 months) to re-enroll schools.

4 CGMI-C — Aligned Program

For state associations and grant programs that want to formally accept CGMI appraisal reports as compliance evidence.

Who Is Eligible

Any organization that administers an accountability framework, compliance program, or grant program applicable to charter schools: state charter school associations, state departments of education, federal grant program administrators, and regional accreditation bodies.

Requirements

- ✓ **R1.** Program has reviewed the CGMI-C mapping documentation for their specific framework (e.g., CSP rubric mapping, NACSA mapping, or state-specific mapping).
- ✓ **R2.** Program staff have completed a CGMI-C alignment review session with CGMI (provided at no charge).
- ✓ **R3.** Program has published guidance indicating that CGMI appraisal reports are acceptable evidence artifacts within their accountability or application process.

Application Process

- Step 1.** Contact CGMI to initiate a CGMI-C alignment review for your program.
- Step 2.** CGMI maps your program requirements to CGMI criteria (collaborative process with program staff).
- Step 3.** Mapping is reviewed and approved by program leadership.
- Step 4.** Mapping is published in the CGMI-C documentation and on cgmi.institute.
- Step 5.** Program is listed as a CGMI-C Aligned Program. Schools in that program can immediately use CGMI appraisal reports as evidence artifacts.

Typical timeline: 4–8 weeks depending on framework complexity.

What You Receive

- CGMI-C Aligned Program designation (publicly listed on cgmi.institute)
- Published mapping between your program requirements and CGMI criteria
- Schools in your program can generate CGMI-C compliance exhibits formatted for your framework
- Cross-reference tables linking CGMI appraisal findings to your specific requirements

Annual Renewal

Confirmation that the published mapping remains current. If the external framework is updated, CGMI and the program collaborate to update the CGMI-C mapping accordingly.

5 CGMI-CA — Certified Appraiser

For individual practitioners who want to conduct official CGMI Certified Appraisals on behalf of schools, authorizers, and networks.

Program Status

Status	Details
Current phase	Program design and curriculum development. Not yet accepting applications.
Expected launch	Future phase (date to be announced).
Interest registration	Email cgmi@chartervision.org with subject line "CGMI-CA Interest" to be notified when applications open.

Who Is Eligible

Governance consultants, charter school leadership coaches, former authorizer staff, experienced board members, and other practitioners with demonstrated expertise in charter school governance. Specific eligibility criteria will be published with the program launch.

Anticipated Requirements

The following requirements are planned but subject to change prior to program launch:

- ✓ R1. Demonstrated professional experience in charter school governance (minimum years TBD).
- ✓ R2. Completion of the CGMI-CA training curriculum (covering the full CGMI-F specification, appraisal methodology, evidence standards, and scoring).
- ✓ R3. Passing score on the CGMI-CA credentialing examination.
- ✓ R4. Completion of a supervised practice appraisal under the guidance of CGMI staff.
- ✓ R5. Agreement to the CGMI-CA Code of Conduct and quality standards.

What Certified Appraisers Can Do

- Conduct official CGMI Certified Appraisals (the only appraisal tier that can award Level 5)
- Issue appraiser-signed Governance Maturity Appraisal Reports with full evidentiary weight
- Produce complete CGMI-A, CGMI-P, and CGMI-C integration artifact sets
- Be listed in the CGMI Certified Appraiser directory on cgmi.institute
- Set their own consulting fees for appraisal services

Annual Renewal

Active appraisal activity (minimum number of appraisals TBD) plus completion of continuing education requirements. Appraisers who do not meet renewal requirements may apply for reinstatement after completing additional training.

6 Comparison Matrix

Side-by-side comparison of all four designation types.

Dimension	CGMI-A	CGMI-P	CGMI-C	CGMI-CA
For	Authorizers	CMOs/EMOs/Networks	State assoc./Grant programs	Individual practitioners
Entity type	Organization	Organization	Organization/Program	Individual
Cost	No charge	No charge	No charge	Training fee (TBD)
Key requirement	Reference CGMI in 1+ oversight process	3+ schools enrolled with GAs completed	Published guidance accepting CGMI evidence	Training + exam + supervised practice
Training	Orientation (1–2 hrs)	Orientation (1–2 hrs)	Alignment review session	Full curriculum + exam
Timeline	4–6 weeks	3–5 weeks	4–8 weeks	TBD
Primary benefit	Portfolio dashboard + evidence packages	Network dashboard + gap prioritization	Schools use CGMI as compliance evidence	Authority to conduct Certified Appraisals
Renewal	Annual confirmation	Annual enrollment check	Annual mapping review	Annual activity + CE
Status	Available	Available	Available	Coming soon

7 Annual Renewal Summary

All CGMI designations are subject to annual renewal. Renewal ensures that designated entities continue to meet requirements and that the CGMI ecosystem maintains its integrity. The table below summarizes renewal requirements for each designation.

Designation	Renewal Requirement	Grace Period	Reinstatement
CGMI-A	Confirm continued use of CGMI ratings in at least one formal oversight process. No additional training unless protocol updates published.	None. Designation lapses if not renewed by anniversary date.	Re-apply. No additional training needed if lapsed < 12 months.
CGMI-P	Maintain enrollment of at least 3 schools with active CGMI appraisals.	12-month grace period if enrollment drops below minimum.	Re-enroll schools and submit updated portfolio data.
CGMI-C	Confirm published mapping remains current. Collaborate on updates if external framework changes.	None. Mapping marked as "under review" if not renewed.	Complete updated alignment review if framework has changed.
CGMI-CA	Minimum appraisal activity (TBD) + completion of continuing education requirements.	6-month grace period with "inactive" status.	Complete additional training module. Re-examination may be required for lapses > 12 months.

Revocation. CGMI reserves the right to revoke any designation if the holder materially fails to meet requirements, misrepresents their CGMI designation status, or engages in conduct that undermines the integrity of the CGMI framework. Revocation decisions are made by CGMI and are final.

8 Contact & Next Steps

Ready to Pursue a Designation?

Contact CGMI to begin the process for any designation:

Designation	Email Subject Line	What to Include
CGMI-A	"CGMI-A Designation Interest"	Authorizer name, state, approximate portfolio size, and contact person
CGMI-P	"CGMI-P Designation Interest"	Network name, number of schools, states of operation, and contact person
CGMI-C	"CGMI-C Alignment Review"	Program name, framework to be mapped, and contact person
CGMI-CA	"CGMI-CA Interest"	Your name, professional background, and charter governance experience

Email: cgmi@chartervision.org

Web: www.cgmi.institute/integration

Additional Resources

Resource	URL	Description
CGMI-F Framework Specification	www.cgmi.institute/framework	Full maturity model specification
CGMI-A Authorizer Page	www.cgmi.institute/integration/authorizer	Detailed authorizer integration information
CGMI-P Partner Page	www.cgmi.institute/integration/partner	Detailed partner integration information
CGMI-C Compliance Page	www.cgmi.institute/integration/compliance	Compliance mapping documentation
JSON Schema	www.cgmi.institute/schema/cgmi-f-v1.json	Machine-readable framework schema

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