



**MAYOR'S HEALTH & FITNESS COUNCIL**  
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## **MHFC Workplace Partner Certification & Mayor's Workplace Awards – 2024 Updates**

### **Background**

In response to our valued MHFC Certified Partners' feedback, the MHFC Workplace Partner Certification and Mayor's Healthiest Workplace Awards applications have been updated. These changes also align with programmatic growth and current, local industry trends.

The purpose of these updates is to:

- provide a streamlined application and recertification process, while maintaining a focus on policy, programming, communication, and evaluation
- create more opportunities for recognition within each MHFC Pillar of Well-being (Tobacco-Free Living, Physical Activity, Nutrition, Health Education/Preventive Services and Emotional/Mental Well-being)
- align with current corporate wellness trends

### **What's New?**

1. MHFC Workplace Partner Certification application question – Section: Tobacco-Free Living, Question #1 was edited to provide match the wording throughout the rest of the application indicating the “tobacco-free worksite” policy.
2. MHFC Workplace Partner Certification application question – Section: Tobacco-Free Living, Question #4 was edited to split out 2 parts to the original question. The total number of points remains the same.
3. Mayor's Workplace Awards Application – A program explanation was listed to provide clarity on how subcategories were determined for the Mayor's Healthiest Workplace Awards. This will allow the ABOGH Review and Steering Committee to determine the subcategories of awards based on applicants when needed.
4. Mayor's Workplace Awards Application – Due to the high number of repetitious responses in previous years, the Communication Section was removed from the Mayor's Workplace Awards application. (The Communication Section of the MHFC Partner Certification application remains in place to describe strategies spanning the entire wellness program portfolio).
5. Mayor's Workplace Awards Application – Section: Program Evaluation, Examples were added to each prompt to guide applicants in their responses.