

Criteria for SDA Consultant Qualification Guidelines

1. Industry Experience

- Minimum of 15+ years of direct experience in dry cleaning, laundry, or garment care operations.
- Demonstrated background in hands-on plant operations (not just theory).
- Prior experience consulting with or training drycleaners.

2. Professional Credentials

- Membership in a recognized industry association (e.g., DLI, SDA, or similar).
- Relevant certifications (textile care, spotting, equipment maintenance, environmental compliance, etc.).

3. Training & Teaching Ability

- Documented track record of delivering in-house training or workshops.
- Positive references or testimonials from at least 2–3 drycleaners who have used their services.
- *Being an owner of a drycleaner for 10+ years and volunteering services to other drycleaners qualifies for training and teaching ability.*

4. Ethical & Professional Standards

- Conflict of interest disclosure (if they sell equipment/products, it should not dominate the training).
- Professional liability insurance

6. Reputation

- No history of legal disputes or regulatory violations in the industry.
- Endorsement from at least one industry peer or association board member.

SDA Education Committee must receive application for pre-approved consultant list two months prior to scholarship application

Drycleaner will pay consultant directly and be reimbursed up to \$3000 within two weeks of submitting receipts