

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING INTENT

TITLE 780. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CHAPTER 20. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

RULEMAKING ACTION:

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PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 3. Secondary, Full-Time, and Short-Term Adult CareerTech Programs

780: 20-3-2. Programs: admissions, operations, enrollment and length [AMENDED]

780: 20-3-4. Instructors [AMENDED]

780: 20-3-5. Career and Technology Student Organizations [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule amendments to Subchapter 3, of Chapter 20, include updated language related to Agricultural Education to expand offerings as set forth in 70 O.S. § 14-108.2, and define planning and supervisory periods. Amendments are designed to provide clarity on programs, teacher contracts, and student organization requirements for divisions. Health Careers was changed to Health Science to align with the national association. Adult Training and Development in comprehensive schools and Alternate T&I programs were stricken as they are no longer offered. Exceptions to minimum and maximum enrollment were amended to require approval by the Department. CareerTech Student Organization missions were added for appropriate alignment with respective programs. Amendments to Chapter 20 further include procedural edits to clean up content and provide consistent language.

Language from a prior emergency rule was made permanent to remain in compliance with 70 O.S. § 11-103.6. The proposed rule for Subchapter 3 promulgates permanent rules for the Industry Specialist Certification to aid in recruitment and retention of quality instructors.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education; 70 O.S. 2021, § 14-103, 70 O.S. § 14-103.1, 70 O.S. § 14-103.2, and 70 O.S. § 14-104, as amended.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written and oral comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Central Time on January 2, 2026, at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, at 1500 W. Seventh Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74075-2723, Attn: Gina Hubbard, or by email to gina.hubbard@careertech.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time at the OK Department of CareerTech, Alexander Conference Room, 1500 W. Seventh Avenue, Stillwater, OK. Each person will be allowed a maximum of 5 (five) minutes to speak and must sign in at the door by 1:05 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts, if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing through January 8, 2026, at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, at 1500 W. Seventh Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74075-2723, Attn: Gina Hubbard, or by email to gina.hubbard@careertech.ok.gov.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed changes may be obtained from Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, at 1500 W. Seventh Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74075-2723, or by email to gina.hubbard@careertech.ok.gov. The proposed rules may also be viewed on the agency's website at [2026 Proposed Rule Changes](#).

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and be available for review beginning December 16, 2025, at Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, at 1500 W. Seventh Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74075-2723, or by email to gina.hubbard@careertech.ok.gov. The proposed rules may also be viewed on the agency's website at [2026 Proposed Rule Changes](#).

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