

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

EMERGENCY RULE IMPACT STATEMENT - 2026

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]

A. Brief description of the purpose of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule amendments to Subchapter 3, of Chapter 20 are designed to provide clarity on programs, teacher contracts, and student organization requirements for divisions and are necessary prior to the start of the 2026-27 school year. Exceptions to minimum and maximum enrollment were amended to require approval by the Department. A provision to allow teaching assistants, as defined by the Department, to obtain the CareerTech Industry Specialist Certification was added. Oklahoma recognized CareerTech Student Organization (CTSO) were clarified, and missions were added for appropriate alignment with respective programs. 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. Amendments to Chapter 20 further include procedural edits to clean up content and provide consistent language.

The proposed rule changes are not mandated by federal law and are not a requirement for participation in or implementation of a federally subsidized or assisted program.

Supporting Authority: Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, 70 O.S. § 14-103.2.

B. Classification of the rule as major or nonmajor, with a justification for the classification, including an estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, state or local government units, or individuals and a determination of whether those costs will exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) over the initial five-year period following the promulgation of the proposed rule. Provided, if the costs exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the agency shall classify the rule as a major rule.

The proposed rule changes are nonmajor. There are no foreseen economic impacts in the implementation and enforcement/compliance of the proposed rules.

C. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the costs of the

proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.

Instructors and students in Career and Technology Education programs will be affected by the proposed rule amendments. There are no known cost impacts of the proposed rules.

D. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule.

The proposed rule amendments benefit Career and Technology Education students and instructors by helping them better understand the organizational structure options for program offerings, enrollments, CTSO alignment, and expanding the educator pipeline for technology centers.

E. A description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change.

There is no known economic impact on any class of persons because of the proposed rule amendments.

F. Probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency.

There are no known cost or benefits to the agency or other entities because of the proposed rule amendments. The implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule will likely have minimal or no financial burden on the agency or other involved entities. The source of revenue for implementation and enforcement would therefore likely be non-existent or covered by existing resources without the need for additional funding. Any effect on state revenues would likely be negligible, assuming there would be no significant changes in economic activity or industry behavior.

G. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule.

There is no known economic impact to any political subdivision, nor does it require cooperation in implementing or enforcing the proposed rule amendments.

H. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

There is no known adverse economic impact on small business because of the proposed rule amendments as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

I. Explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule amendments in this chapter are not intrusive and there are no other appropriate methods to make the corrections and improvements needed.

J. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule is designated to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment, and explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce that risk.

The proposed rule amendments have no known effect on public health, safety, and environment.

K. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule is not implemented.

The proposed amendments will not have a detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment if not implemented.

L. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.

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