

**TITLE 748. OKLAHOMA UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION  
CHAPTER 17. EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Subchapter 1. Regional Training**

748:17-1-2 Definitions [AMENDED]

748:17-1-3 Regional ~~continuing education~~ Training courses [AMENDED]

748:17-1-4. Regional Training held or sponsored by the OUBCC [AMENDED]

748:17-1-5. Regional Training sponsored by a private organization, association, or group [NEW]

748:17-1-6. Workforce Development [NEW]

**Before the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (the "OUBCC")**

January 13, 2026

**DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of the proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules, is to continue implementation of 59 O.S. §1000.20 - 1000.31 (the "Act"), creating the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission and specifically address updates to the agency's statute in 59 O.S. § 1000.23 (D) and (E).

**RULE CLASSIFICATION:**

These rules are classified as nonmajor. Estimated annual implementation costs are reasonably expected to be minimal. The OUBCC is required to provide continuing education training at no cost to state licensed code officials. The change to the agency's legislation allows for the OUBCC to open training to construction industry personnel affected by the codes adopted by the OUBCC such as, but not limited to; code officials, design professionals and trade workers. This training is optional. Fees may be assessed to all attendees other than code officials and shall be directly related to the cost of the specific training.

**RULE DESCRIPTION:**

These rules revise and add definitions for the chapter in Section 748:17-1-2. Amend the title of section 748:17-1-3. Clarify training held by the OUBCC may include workforce development training; add notice that fees directly related to the training may be passed to attendees other than code officials; and clarify the OUBCC will, upon request of any attendee, seek to obtain continuing education credit approvals from other qualifying agencies or entities. Add new language in Section 748:17-1-5 allowing the OUBCC to sponsor training with other private organizations, associations or groups and provide a framework for that sponsorship. And in 748:17-1-6, clarify that the OUBCC has been given the responsibility and authority to create a Workforce Development Program(s) for the purpose of increasing the number of available code officials in Oklahoma and will form a Commission Committee to develop such policies and procedures for that program(s).

**CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:**

These proposed amended rules govern construction industry personnel to include but not be limited to code officials, design professionals and trade workers with regard to continuing education on the codes adopted by the OUBCC. These proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new

rules also affect state agencies, municipalities and other political subdivisions which administer or enforce building and construction codes in the State of Oklahoma, by offering free training to their state licensed code officials.

#### **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:**

Every person in Oklahoma who enters or works in a newly constructed or altered building wherein work has been performed pursuant to the codes adopted by the OUBCC will benefit by these proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules insofar as these rules set forth continuing education requirements and Workforce Development rules for construction industry personnel to include, but are not limited to state licensed code officials, design professionals and trade workers. In so far as these proposed amended rules provide training on the modern and uniform codes of construction adopted by the OUBCC to be applied by construction industry personnel these rules will benefit every person in Oklahoma, residents and visitors, alike.

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The economic impact of the proposed amended rules in Title 748, Chapter 17 is expected to have a minimal impact to affected business, public utility ratepayers, and individuals. Costs to the agency will be minimal, if needed the agency will fill a current budgeted but vacant position, bringing the agency FTE count to four. The agency is funded through a fee associated with each construction permit issued in the state. Revenue generated from this fee is used in part to pay costs incurred to provide training. Any fees charged to attendees will cover the costs for things such as class materials or meals, and where possible training will be offered free of charge to all attendees. State and local government should not see any effect as all state licensed code officials by statute may attend OUBCC training at no cost. Training should have an overall positive impact on the state economy creating Workforce Development to expand code officials and providing training to code officials, design professionals and trade workers in the modern and uniform construction codes for Oklahoma should help reduce delays due to rejections on building plans and on construction sites.

#### **METHODOLOGY AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The methodology and assumption for economic impact on the proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules is based on applying current training costs to the agency's planned increase in the number of training classes, the additional time attributed to each training class, and the expected increase in the number of attendees.

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:**

The proposed amended rules in Title 748, Chapter 17 will not have an economic impact on any political subdivision in the State of Oklahoma as attendance at training is voluntary.

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS:**

The proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules are reasonably not expected to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

#### **MEASURES TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS:**

The proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules in Title 748, Chapter 17 are not expected to have any provisions which impose upon any person or entity a known cost of compliance and, therefore, there is no less costly or non-regulatory method for achieving the purpose of the rules.

**EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULES ON PUBLIC HEALTH:**

Providing training on the adopted codes by the OUBCC creates a positive effect on the public health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens by ensuring that all construction industry personnel have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the modern and uniform construction codes, as the adopted the statewide minimum construction standards in the State of Oklahoma. Utilizing a Workforce Development program to create more code officials in Oklahoma promotes uniform enforcement of the minimum adopted standards. An increase in available code officials will also reduce time in the permit process and inspections. Effective code enforcement builds public trust in the safety of Oklahoma's built environment, supporting sustainable housing growth and workforce retention. Developing the building official workforce is an investment in a public health and safety strategy as much as it is an economic one. Strengthening the profession ensures that every Oklahoman benefits from safe, resilient, and healthy buildings, protecting lives today and for generations to come.

**DETRIMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT ADOPTED:**

If the proposed amended permanent rules and proposed new rules set forth in Title 748 Chapter 17 are not adopted, the OUBCC will not be able to provide continuing education training to all construction industry personnel on its statewide building codes and will not be able to utilize Workforce Development to increase the number of code official in Oklahoma, in compliance with the amended requirements of the Act, to the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of Oklahoma citizens.

**This rule impact statement was prepared on November 4, 2025.**