

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 20. STAFF SUBCHAPTER 9. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: TEACHER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION PART 9. TEACHER CERTIFICATION

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed amendment makes an adjustment to the validity period for the provisional teaching certificates issued to qualifying paraprofessionals. Historically, a paraprofessional qualifying for a provisional teaching certificate under this administrative rule was issued a certificate valid for one (1) year, which could be renewed twice for a total of three (3) years of provisional teaching certification. The proposed change provides that a qualifying paraprofessional is instead eligible for a provisional teaching certificate valid for up to three (3) years. This will reduce the administrative burden on the State Department of Education Office of Certification, as well as on the paraprofessionals who qualify for provisional certification under the career development program.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed rule change will affect paraprofessionals pursuing certification through the career development program, and the State Department of Education Office of Certification.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The change will benefit paraprofessionals participating in the career development program, and the Office of Certification, by reducing the application and processing burden from an annual process repeated three times to one application that covers a three year validity period.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon political subdivisions or affected classes as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**
The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

k. **Date Prepared:** October 17, 2017