

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?

House Bill 2946 (2016) added provisions to the teacher certification statutes authorizing the State Board of Education to issue an Oklahoma teaching certificate to a teacher who holds a valid teaching certificate issued in another country, and meets all other requirements established by the Board. This amendment adds a new subsection to the rule that governs new teaching certificates, establishing the requirements an out-of-country applicant must meet to be eligible for consideration for an Oklahoma teaching certificate. Requirements include: verification of lawful presence in the United States, baccalaureate degree or equivalent, current valid out-of-country teaching certificate, verification of teaching experience, recommendation by a school administrator or education official, criminal history record check, and English proficiency. Applicants are responsible for obtaining any necessary translation and analysis of documents in a language other than English, and bear the costs of translation and/or analysis by a reputable educational credential evaluation service.

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 change will affect applicants for Oklahoma teacher certification who hold teaching credentials issued outside the United States, and school districts who wish to employ such teachers.

c. What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?

The change will benefit applicants for Oklahoma teacher certification who hold teaching credentials issued outside the United States, and school districts who wish to employ such teachers.

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 affected classes of persons or political subdivisions 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.

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