

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 purpose of the proposed amendments to 210:20-9-98 and 210:20-9-104 is to establish a process for certification of Native American languages and teachers of Native American languages. The proposed amendments will provide a procedure for the State Department of Education to recognize tribal certification of Native American language proficiency. The proposed amendments will also provide a procedure for the State Department of Education to certify individuals who wish to be certified to teach Native American languages which have no current subject-matter competency exam. The proposed change to 210:20-9-98 also updates the criteria for certification of noncitizen visiting teachers and updates the rule to reference the due process provisions in 210:1-5-6, which sets forth the process for suspension and/or revocation of a teaching certificate.
- 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 changes will affect prospective public school students and teachers of Native American languages, as well as public school districts and public schools. The proposed rule will also affect prospective international visiting teachers.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit prospective students and teachers of Native American languages, as well as public school districts and public schools, who will now have a process to incorporate teachers of Native American languages into their schools. In addition, international visiting teachers will benefit from the proposed change to 210:29-9-98, which updates the administrative requirements of teacher certification.
- 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 implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

- k. **Date Prepared:** February 22, 2013.