

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:20-9-110

"Alternative placement teaching certificates" [AMENDED]

a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

The rule that addresses teacher certification obtained through the alternative certification pathway is being updated to reflect a change in the authorizing statute. Senate Bill 1115 (2020) amended 70 O.S. § 6-122.3 to provide that in consultation with the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA), the State Board of Education is authorized to "grant an exception to the requirement to complete a subject area examination for initial certification in a field which does not require an advanced degree pursuant to [statute,] if the candidate has an advanced degree in a subject that is substantially comparable to the content assessed on a subject area examination."

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 rule change will affect individuals who wish to apply for alternative certification and who hold an advanced degree, provided the advanced degree is in a subject area that does not require a postgraduate degree for educator certification.

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

The rule change will benefit eligible candidates for alternative certification, and the school districts that will have access to additional qualified teachers through the alternative certification pathway.

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:** February 8, 2021