
MEMORANDUM

TO: CTE Directors
FROM: Ruth Durkee, State Director of Career Technical Education
SUBJECT: Safety Instruction and Credentialing in CTE Programs of Study
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Cc: CTE Program Instructors

“Each school district that receives federal and/or state funds for technical education and/or pre-technical education shall develop a program of safety for every program, ensure that it is properly implemented, and provide oversight to ensure that the quality of the safety program is maintained.” Vermont State Board Rule 2378 1.

Vermont has adopted new career technical program proficiency documents ([Career Technical Program Proficiency Documents](#)). Each document identifies the approved safety certifications/credentials for the given program area.

To meet the safety training obligation and ensure that students can safely work in program labs and shops, many CTE programs provide OSHA 10, OSHA 30, ServSafe, and/or SP/2 safety certifications. Some CTE centers have paid for these safety certifications using Perkins funding.

As of Fiscal Year 2023, safety certifications will no longer be an allowable use of Perkins grants administered by the VT Agency of Education. While Perkins grant funds will no longer be a funding source for these certifications, CTE centers remain obligated to provide them. OSHA 10, OSHA 30, ServSafe, SP/2, and other industry recognized safety certifications must instead be paid for using local funds.

This change was first announced in FY 20. CTE centers have had two full years to transition to building the cost of safety certifications into local budgets if they were not already included there.

The Agency of Education will monitor CTE center compliance with this obligation, informed by the CTE school quality procedures set forth in State Board Rule 2376. If a program has historically offered a given safety certification, and/or if the program content requires a safety certification to ensure safety in the shop, lab, and/or in work-based learning placements, the program’s obligation to do so remains in FY 23 and beyond.

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