

## **ACTEA Town Hall Talking points from NYSED Office of CTE September 27, 2024**

### **Perkins State Plan Revisions**

- The Office team has prepared the Perkins Plan Revisions that will be submitted to USDOE in May 2025.
- The presentation to the Board of Regents is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024, where we will outline those updates and revisions to the previous plan.
- Public comment period will open following the Board of Regents meeting and continue for 60-days (closing on January 5, 2025).
- The in-person Public Hearing for these revisions will take place on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from 4:00 – 6:30pm in NYC at the UFT Headquarters.
- There will be a live, virtual public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, from 4:00-6:30pm as well. This virtual hearing will be recorded, and the recording will be available throughout the public comment period.

### **USDOE Proposed Changes to the Perkins State Plan and Data Reporting Process**

- On September 12, 2024, the Department of Education released a set of proposed changes to Perkins state plans and data reporting through the Federal Register. The changes are open for public comment through November 12, 2024.
- The proposal, packaged as revised “Information Collection Requests,” would amend both the State Plan Guide that dictates what must be included in each state’s Perkins V plan and the Consolidated Annual Report that states submit each year to the US Department of Education. While some of the proposed changes are relatively minor, others are more significant. Combined, these proposals are likely to require every state to submit a new Perkins V State Plan by the spring of 2026 and make changes to the structure of measures within their Perkins accountability system.
- The Office of CTE team attended a Town Hall hosted by the federal Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) held on September 26, 2024, to hear more about the changes and the impact to states. The Office of CTE encourages districts, BOCES, and CTE organizations to look at these proposed changes, determine their administrative burden (FTEs and financial), and submit comments by November 12, 2024. See links below for proposed changes and comments link.
  - [Perkins V State Plan Guide with proposed changes](#)
  - [Perkins V Consolidated Annual Report \(CAR\) Guide with proposed changes](#)

### **Data Reporting**

- The Office of CTE has been working closely with the Office of Information and Reporting Services (IRS) to ensure that NYSED-approved programs are available by location in the Level 2 system for proper reporting.
- The Office of CTE has begun speaking to data stakeholders through the recent DATAG conference held in Albany and through the work IRS does directly with the field to

ensure that proper program location codes are entered on all initial approval and re-approval applications. The general BOCES BEDS codes should not be used to identify a delivery location but rather the BOVL location code for that technical center. This also applies to LEAs where the actual location code for the building of delivery is required, not the overall BEDS code for the district.

- Using the proper location codes will allow Level 2 to make that program available for student program service record entry and student performance data by location. All Perkins recipients are required to report student data by program and location.

### **Program Approval Dates and Deadlines**

- To ensure all student enrollment records and performance data can be entered at the appropriate times of the year, our team has firmed up the final approval dates for NYSED-approved programs.
- Initial approvals are still due on October 1st of each year and will need to have final NYSED approval by December 1<sup>st</sup> of that same year. It is imperative that submitted applications are complete when sent in. This approval deadline is being put in place to ensure students are enrolling in a NYSED- approved program for the 2025-26 school year and can be reported to the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) for the 2025-26 school year.
- Reapproval applications are still due on June 30<sup>th</sup> each spring but will now need to have final reapproval status by September 30<sup>th</sup> of that year. (i.e., submit June 30, 2025, and will need approval by September 30, 2025.) This approval deadline is being put in place to prevent a lapse in the program. Lapsed programs will be removed from the NYSED-approved list and in Level 2 resulting in student CTE data being blocked from SIRS reporting. These programs are not considered to be active and therefore not eligible to award the 4+1 CTE pathway, integrated/specialized academic credit, and the technical endorsement beyond the school year of expiration (i.e., 2024-25 school year.)