Policy for Cluster Title Changes, Pathway Title Changes, Additions and Deletions of Pathways
Taskforce Approved

Introduction

At times, it may become necessary to make structural changes to a particular Career Cluster. However, when considering recommendations for changes to a Career Cluster, National Advisory Committees should be mindful of the ripple effects of changes – at the state, local and classroom levels – as well as the associated costs of reprinting, etc.

The types of changes referenced here could only be addressed during the scheduled Knowledge and Skills revision cycle, which will occur approximately every four years, beginning after June 2008.

Procedure

Any National Advisory Committee recommending a change to a Career Cluster title, a change to a Pathway title, and/or the addition or deletion of a Pathway shall be required to provide to the Career Clusters Manager the following preliminary information as it relates to <u>each</u> change:

1. When appropriate, provide the content (Knowledge and Skills) additions or deletions that support the recommended change.
2. Provide a one-paragraph description of the recommendation and rationale from the National Advisory Committee for a change.
3. Provide three communications (emails or letters) from industry documenting the need for this change in structure.
4. For new Cluster/Pathway titles or new Pathways, provide a definition/description of the new title(s) or Pathway(s).
5. For new Pathways, provide a list of sample occupations that would fall in the Pathway and the LMI (expected growth) for these occupations.

Once the aforementioned information has been received, the Career Clusters Manager will submit the information to the NCTEF Board of Directors, who will consider the recommendations, respond back to the Cluster Leader with questions or revisions if necessary, and decide whether or not the recommended changes should be adopted.