NCTEF Board of Directors' Meeting
POLICY GUIDING THE REVISION OF CLUSTER CHANGES
Saturday, March 29, 2008

Topic: Proposed Policy for Cluster Title Changes, Pathway Title Changes, Additions or Deletions of Pathways

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.

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 the following preliminary information as it relates to each 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.

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