



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Directors, Supervisors of Career and Technical Education (CTE)
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Office of Career Readiness Announces Career Clusters® Available for CTE Program of Study Reapproval

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Career Readiness will begin the reapproval process for CTE programs of study within the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster.

School districts with approved CTE programs of study in this Career Cluster must submit their reapproval application(s) via the [CTE Data Management System \(CTE-DMS\)](#) located in the NJDOE's Homeroom web portal. The reapproval period will start on May 1, 2026, and close on October 31, 2026. School districts wishing to cease operation of CTE programs of study must submit a deletion request through the CTE-DMS during this period.

The NJDOE requires all programs of study to undergo reapproval in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3 to ensure they remain rigorous, align with current industry standards, and meet the quality expectations outlined in the [New Jersey Perkins V State Plan](#). A list of all approved CTE programs can be found on the [Programs of Study](#) webpage.

To assist district representatives with the reapproval process, the Office of Career Readiness is offering virtual technical assistance sessions. In these sessions, the Career Cluster team will review the updated CTE-DMS reapproval application, provide an overview of the application requirements, and share tips and tools for submitting a quality application.

- CTE Program Reapproval Technical Assistance Session 1 - April 28, 2026, 1-2 p.m.
- CTE Program Reapproval Technical Assistance Session 2 - July 14, 2026, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration for these and other workshops is available on the NJDOE's [Calendar of Events](#).

Career Cluster Leads and Career Readiness Specialists are available to assist in clarifying pertinent information related to program of study reapprovals and specific questions regarding Career Clusters. Please refer to the [Career Readiness Contacts on the Office of Career Readiness' webpage](#) for contact information.

For questions, please contact the NJDOE's [Office of Career Readiness](#).