DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Student Financial Assistance Commission
Office of Student Financial Assistance
Scholarship/Grant Programs
TOPS Tech Early Start Award
(LAC 28:IV.1003)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) is exercising the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act [R.S. 49:953(B)] to amend and re-promulgate the rules of the Scholarship/Grant programs (R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, and R.S. 17:3042.1.1-3042.8, R.S. 17:3048.1, R.S. 56:797.D(2)).

This rulemaking adds definitions to the TOPS Tech Early Start Program rules including a definition of Technical or Applied Course.

This declaration of emergency is effective November 18, 2014, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (SG15160E)

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part IV. Student Financial Assistance—Higher Education Scholarship and Grant Programs

Chapter 10. TOPS-Tech Early Start Award

§1003. Top Demand Occupation Definitions

Approved Training Program-a program provided by an approved training provider of technical and/or applied courses toward a credential in a top demand occupation.

Approved Training Provider-a Louisiana provider recognized by the Louisiana Workforce Commission and approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide technical and/or applied courses toward a credential in a top demand occupation.

<u>Credential-Industry-Based Certification, a Certificate of Applied Science or a Certificate of Technical Sciences approved by the Workforce Investment Council.</u>

<u>Technical or Applied Course—a course required for a credential in a top demand occupation.</u>

A. For the purposes of this Chapter, a credential in a "Top Demand Occupation":—an occupation

1. is a credential defined by the Board of Regents; and

2. is identified by the Occupation Forecasting Conference as being a credential for an occupation in top demand in Louisiana; and

3. is recognized by the State Industry-Based Certification Leadership Council.; and

4. is approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

5. is approved by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3036, R.S. 17:3042.1, R.S. 17:3048.1 and R.S. 17:3048.5. HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 31:3110 (December 2005).

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