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**Frequently asked Questions and Answers about Changes to Chapter 583:  
Physical Presence and High School Based College Credit Partnerships with ODA  
authorized schools ([link to HECC website](#))**

What will this Oregon administrative rule change mean for Oregon's students? More opportunities! This FAQ answers some frequently asked questions from secondary and postsecondary partners about the changes.

**What does the rule do?**

According to Oregon's current rules, a private in-state and private or public out-of-state postsecondary institutions cannot offer dual credit programs to K-12 students in Oregon. This rule change will establish a path for authorized in-state and out-of-state postsecondary institutions to establish partnerships with Oregon districts to offer dual credit courses to Oregon high school students.

**Why is the rule needed?**

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) are focused on ensuring quality in available dual credit offerings, as well as increasing options and opportunities for Oregon students. HECC's new rule opens possibilities for new and innovative dual credit partnerships that can help further career and college pathways opportunities for Oregon K-12 students.

**How will the changes impact partnerships in Oregon?**

Under the new rules ([OARS 583-030-0005](#), [583-030-0035](#), [583-030-0048](#)) private in-state and out-of-state postsecondary institutions interested in offering dual credit courses in partnership with any Oregon K-12 district need to gain prior authorization from HECC. This will ensure their programs meet national standards for postsecondary institutions serving our K-12 students. A waiver process is available to help any existing partnerships avoid disruption that would adversely impact students.



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### **What will school districts need to do?**

If a district is interested in partnering with an authorized in-state or out-of-state postsecondary institution, they should direct that institution to HECC to have them obtain authorization to form partnerships with K-12 schools in Oregon.

### **As an out-of-state partner, what should I expect?**

There are four main criteria to becoming authorized to work with high school students in Oregon:

1. Complete Application
2. Provide MOU or letter of agreement with K-12 partner
3. Provide Proof of current National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships ([NACEP](#)) accreditation
4. Pay Processing Fee **\$500** ( Program change fee based on the schedule in [ORS 348.606](#))

### **When will the new rule go into effect?**

The new rule could go into effect as early as August 17, 2021. When it does, look for more information from HECC's [Office of Degree Authorization](#).

### **Which institutions are “Commission-authorized”?**

Commission-authorized institutions include private in state and all out of state postsecondary institutions that offer or confer academic degrees to Oregon residents. Commission-authorized institutions do not include community colleges, public universities, exempt institutions, and members of the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities.



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OAR 583-030-0035, modifies admission requirements at Commission-authorized institutions to allow postsecondary institutions to offer college credit (dual credit) to high school students by allowing an exemption of the high school diploma or equivalent requirement for admission. The proposed amendment would create more high school-based dual credit opportunities for high school students in Oregon.

OAR 583-030-0048, proposed new rule would allow Commission-authorized postsecondary institutions to apply for authorization to offer and award academic credits in partnership with a high school in Oregon to students who do not have a standard high school diploma, a comparable credential issued outside the United States, or a GED, if the student can demonstrate the ability to perform college level academic work.

### **Need more information?**

If you have any questions about the changes to Chapter 583 or how it may impact you or your existing partnerships, please contact us!

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