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**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
JOINT STATEMENT AND GUIDANCE ON EXTENSION OF PERKINS V COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT AND LOCAL APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS**

**April 2, 2020**

Due to the impact of the coronavirus health crisis on the education community, after earlier consultation with the statewide career-technical education associations and following recent guidance provided by the United States Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Higher Education extend the deadline for submission of the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment and Local Application to **June 30, 2020**.

This 60-day extension from the original May 1, 2020 deadline to June 30<sup>th</sup> provides some flexibility to institutions dealing with the myriad of issues resulting from the ordered school building closures, while seeking to ensure there will be no gap in funding between fiscal years.

Please note the earlier guidance dated March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>, located respectively on the [Ohio Department of Education](#) and [Ohio Department of Higher Education](#) websites, that covers documentation of community engagement during this period of social distancing and that highlights the 10 key questions that must be fully addressed in the submission to receive substantial approval status. Late applications – those submitted in substantially approvable form after June 30<sup>th</sup> – will be expected to document (by similar memorandum attached to the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment and Local Application Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan submission) a more robust stakeholder engagement process, significantly beyond the coronavirus impact bare minimums described in the respective March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> communications.

The Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan is expected to open for submissions by secondary and postsecondary career-technical education applicants by mid-April, with the deadline for submissions of June 30, 2020.

Applications for postsecondary Ohio Technical Centers may be submitted through the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan once Perkins allocations are finalized, which could occur between mid-April to mid-May, with the deadline for submissions of June 30, 2020. The Ohio Department of Higher Education will continue to work with Ohio Technical Centers to ensure these allocations are finalized and uploaded into the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan.

Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment and Local Application submission instructions are located on the [Ohio Department of Education](#) and [Ohio Department of Higher Education](#) websites.