

Frequently Asked Questions
CATS Post-Secondary Schools
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Do schools need to follow the PDE requirements for credit/clock conversion or can we use the conversion rates required by Accreditation agencies?	Yes, you may use the clock credit conversion that your accrediting agency uses, however you must have the conversion on file for review at your institution.
Do we need to keep paper copies of our agreement information or can we scan and keep just electronic copies?	Local agreements will be kept on file for review at your institution. Statewide agreement will be processed as they were in the past.
How will PDE know which courses we want to approve or are they only concerned with the number being at least 9?	<p>Approval is not based on courses; it will be based on the entire program. The statewide articulation agreement must be at least 9 credits. Local agreements must be at least 6 credits.</p> <p>Courses are listed in the statewide agreement. Courses related to SOAR are also found on Academy 1. It is anticipated that the local agreements also list courses.</p>
Will course info still be entered into Academy 1?	Yes
Which instructor information do we enter or is it just the minimum requirements?	Enter the qualifications of the instructor that is teaching the postsecondary program.
<p>Bachelor's degrees were shown as an option.</p> <p>a. Are we now allowed to offer credits into a Bachelor's degree?</p> <p>b. Is it going to be reportable in PIMS?</p>	<p>PDE has taken out the Bachelor's degree option in CATS for program approval. Bachelor's degree is a recognized postsecondary credential under the WIOA language referenced in Perkins.</p> <p>Yes, Bachelor's degrees will be reportable in the PIMS Postsecondary Perkins collection.</p>
Do we still need to verify Perkins eligibility for degrees (Career vs. general credits)?	Yes, you will still need to verify that Perkins eligible degrees have at least 50% occupational content.
Referencing the question above, how do we provide the info for Perkins eligibility if we are not submitting paperwork?	<p>All documentation for program content must be on file for review at your institution.</p> <p>Statewide agreements are still process the same as in Perkins V. No waivers are permitted.</p>
When will we no longer be able to offer less than 6 credits for an articulation agreement?	After Perkins V is finalized, PDE will make available the revised criteria for Statewide Articulation agreements. PDE is not accepting or processing any new agreements under Perkins IV criteria.