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## Policy R315, Service Area Designations

[Policy R315, Service Area Designations and Coordination of Off-Campus Courses and Programs](#) defines institutional service areas by county, level, and type of instruction for Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions. The geographic designations are intended to define where institutions may establish campuses, centers, and other physical locations and offer college options to secondary students.

The policy needs to be updated to clarify distinct service regions for degree-granting and technical education institutions. The policy defines criteria for exceptions, including Right of First Refusal, contract training, and institution requests to the Board to offer training outside of a designated service region. The policy requires the Office of the Commissioner to maintain an inventory of training offered outside of designated geographic areas. The following are concepts relating to the technical education aspects of the policy for the Technical Education Committee’s discussion and feedback.

### Utah Statute

Geographic service regions for providing technical education instruction to secondary students at technical colleges and authorized degree-granting institutions are defined in statute. Geographic service areas are defined for technical colleges in [Utah Code § 53B-2a-105](#) and for authorized degree-granting institutions in [53B-2a-201](#).

[Utah Code § 53B-2a-106\(3\)\(c\)](#) also prohibits technical colleges from offering instruction outside their assigned regions unless there is an agreement with the affected institution or it is specifically requested by an employer or a craft, trade, or apprenticeship program.

Technical College	School Districts Served
Bridgerland	Box Elder School District Cache School District Logan School District Rich School District
Davis	Davis School District Morgan School District
Dixie	Washington School District
Mountainland	Alpine School District

	Nebo School District Provo School District South Summit School District North Summit School District Wasatch School District Park City School District
Ogden-Weber	Ogden City School District Weber School District
Southwest	Beaver School District Garfield School District Iron School District Kane School District
Tooele	Tooele County School District
Uintah Basin	Daggett School District Duchesne School District Uintah School District
Salt Lake Community College	Granite School District Murray School District Canyons School District
Snow College	Juab School District Millard School District Tintic School District North Sanpete School District South Sanpete School District Wayne School District Piute School District Sevier School District
Utah State University	Carbon School District (Eastern) Emery School District (Eastern) San Juan School District (Blanding) Grand School District (Moab)

Statute also defines regional higher education degree-granting partners for technical colleges in [53B-2a-112](#), as follows:

<b>Degree-Granting Institution</b>	<b>Technical College</b>
Utah State University	Bridgerland
Weber State University	Davis
Utah Tech University	Dixie
Utah Valley University	Mountainland
Weber State University	Ogden-Weber

Southern Utah University	Southwest
Utah State University	Tooele
Utah State University	Uintah Basin

**Commissioner’s Recommendation**

The Commissioner recommends that the Board Technical Education Committee provide feedback on policy concepts relating to technical education service regions and requests for exceptions to offer programs outside of the designated geographic service region, incorporating feedback into policy drafts.