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TO: All University Chief Financial Officers and Budget Officers
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SUBJECT: Certification Guidance for SL 2026-41 and SL 2026-42

With the passage and signing of the Appropriations Act and the Budget Technical Corrections Bill ([SL 2026-41](#) and [SL 2026-42](#)), OSBM and state entities will work to certify the budget as expeditiously as possible. OSBM will host trainings for the certification process and has prepared training materials and jobs aids. Table 1 shows the certification training dates and deadlines.

Date/Time	Activity/Deadline
Thurs., July 16, 3-3:45 PM	Certification Training for Campuses
Wed., August 5, COB	All certification entries due to OSBM

OSBM plans to certify budget codes included in SL 2026-41 and SL 2026-42 prior to the close of the July accounting records. Campuses will use the Integrated Budget Information System (IBIS) to prepare certification entries for all appropriations in the session laws. After OSBM approval, certification entries will interface with the North Carolina Financial System (NCFS).

Campuses are encouraged to submit entries as soon as they are complete and notify their OSBM Budget Development analyst, so the review process can begin promptly. ALL certification entries are due to OSBM for review by **close of business on Wednesday, August 5.**

[Certification instructions](#) for campuses are available on OSBM's website. Other tools, including an IBIS certification user guide on the website and the Certification Bulk Upload Template in IBIS, are also available to assist you and your staff.

OSBM will host **certification training for university budget staff on Thursday, July 16, at 3:00-3:45 PM.** Staff should register for this virtual session on [OSBM's website](#).

If you have specific questions or concerns, please speak to your OSBM Budget Development analyst.

Thank you for your continued partnership.