

**STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION**

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

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**POLICY TITLE:** MINIMUM AGE FOR ADMISSION

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 59-53-50 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina,  
As Amended

**DIVISION OF  
RESPONSIBILITY:** Academic and Student Affairs

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It is the policy of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education that applicants for admission to a technical college must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, or possess a high school diploma or its equivalent. Under certain circumstances, colleges may choose to allow an applicant under the age of eighteen (18) who has not graduated from high school to be considered for enrollment through special agreement between the college and the principal and/or district administrator of the school where the applicant has been, or is, attending. In the case of an applicant from a home school, the agreement must be between the college and a district administrator from the school district and/or an authorized educational agency which has jurisdiction over the home school.

Each individual college will develop procedures for admitting students under the age of eighteen (18) who are not high school graduates.