

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 25: Definitions and General Provisions
Chapter 1: General Provisions
§ 2. Construction of statutes generally
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A. In all interpretations of statutes, the Courts shall look diligently for intention of the Council.

B. In all interpretations of statutes, the ordinary signification shall be applied to all words, except words of art or words connected with a particular trade or subject matter, which shall have the signification attached to them by experts in such trade or with reference to such subject matter.

C. In addition to the rules for construction prescribed in subsections (A) and (B) of this section, the rules provided in this subsection shall govern the construction of all statutes with respect to subjects enumerated:

1. The masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter;
2. The singular or plural number each includes the other, unless the other is expressly excluded;
3. The present or past tense includes the future;
4. A joint authority given to any number of persons or officers may be executed by a majority of them, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the statute conferring the authority;
5. The word "**person**" includes corporations as well as natural persons, unless otherwise expressly provided.

D. A substantial compliance with any statutory requirement, especially on the part of public officers, shall be deemed and held sufficient and no proceeding shall be declared void for want of such compliance, unless expressly so provided by statute.

E. Unless otherwise expressly provided, the passage or repeal of a statute shall not affect any action then pending.