

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Sections 207, 305, 3001, 3004 and 3006 of the Education Law.

1. A new paragraph (45) of subdivision (b) is added to Section 80-1.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, effective February 15, 2011, to read as follows:

(45) Transitional G certificate means the first teaching certificate obtained by a candidate who holds an appropriate graduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and has two years of acceptable experience teaching in a post-secondary institution, that qualifies that individual to teach in the public schools of New York State, subject to the requirements and limitations of this Part, and excluding the provisional certificate, initial certificate, internship certificate, conditional initial certificate, transitional A certificate, transitional B certificate and transitional C certificate.

2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of section 80-3.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective February 15, 2011, to read as follows:

(i) [The] (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this section, the candidate shall submit evidence of having achieved a satisfactory level of performance on the New York State Teacher Certification Examination liberal arts and sciences test, written assessment of teaching skills, and content specialty test(s) in the area of the certificate, except that a candidate seeking an initial certificate in the title of Speech and Language Disabilities (all grades) shall not be required to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on the content specialty test.

(b) Examination requirement for candidates with a graduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and two years of post-secondary teaching experience in the area of the certificate sought. Any candidate seeking an initial certificate in earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics or in a closely related field as determined by the Department in (grades 5-9) or(grades 7-12) and who is seeking an initial certificate through individual evaluation under section 80-3.7(a)(3)(ii)(c) shall not be required to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on the written assessment of teaching skills examination or the content specialty test.

3. Clause (c) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 80-3.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective February 15, 2011, to read as follows:

(c) For candidates with a graduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and two years of postsecondary teaching experience in the certificate area to be taught or in a closely related subject area acceptable to the Department, who apply for a certificate or license on or after February 2, 2011 in earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics or a closely related field, the candidate shall not be required to meet the general requirements in paragraph (2)(iii)(iv) or (v) of subdivision (a) of this section. However, the candidate shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Degree completion. The candidate shall possess a graduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education, a higher education institution that the Commissioner deems substantially equivalent, or from an institution authorized by the Board of Regents to confer degrees and whose programs are registered by the

Department. The candidate shall have completed a graduate major in the subject of the certificate sought, or in a related field approved by the department for this purpose.

(2) Post-secondary teaching experience. The candidate must show evidence of at least two years of satisfactory teaching experience at the post-secondary level in the certificate area to be taught or in a closely related subject area acceptable to the Department.

(3) Pedagogical study or two years of satisfactory teaching experience in a school district under a Transitional G certificate. The candidate shall complete one of the following:

(i) at least six credits of undergraduate pedagogical core study or four credits of graduate pedagogical study for the initial certificate in the area of the candidate's certificate, as prescribed for the certificate title in this paragraph, which shall include study in the methods of teaching in the certificate area, teaching students with disabilities; curriculum and lesson planning aligned with the New York State Learning Standards; and classroom management and teaching at the developmental level of students to be taught; or

(ii) at least two years of teaching experience in a school district while the candidate holds a Transitional G certificate under this Part.

4. Section 80-5.22 of the Regulations of the Commissioner is added, effective February 15, 2011, as follows:

§80-5.22 Transitional G certificate for career changers and others holding a graduate or higher degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and with at least two years of acceptable post-secondary teaching experience.

(a) General requirements.

(1) Time validity. The transitional G certificate shall be valid for two years.

(2) Limitations. The transitional G certificate shall authorize a candidate to teach only in a school district for which a commitment for employment has been made. The candidate shall meet the requirements in each of the following paragraphs:

(1) Education. A candidate shall hold a graduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education, a higher education institution that the Commissioner deems substantially equivalent, or from an institution authorized by the Board of Regents to confer degrees. A candidate shall complete study in the means for identifying and reporting suspected child abuse and maltreatment, which shall include at least two clock hours of coursework or training in the identification and reporting of suspected child abuse or maltreatment in accordance with the requirements of section 3004 of the Education Law. In addition, the candidate shall complete at least two clock hours of coursework or training in school violence prevention and intervention, as required by section 3004 of the Education Law, which is provided by a provider approved or deemed approved by the Department pursuant to Subpart 57-2 of this Title.

(2) Examination. The candidate shall submit evidence of having achieved a satisfactory level of performance on the New York State Teacher Certification Examination liberal arts and sciences test.

(3) Post-secondary teaching experience. The candidate shall submit evidence of at least two years of satisfactory teaching experience at the post-secondary level in

the certificate area to be taught or in a closely related subject area acceptable to the Department.

(4) Employment and support commitment. The candidate shall submit satisfactory evidence of having a commitment from a school district of at least two years of employment as a teacher with the school district in the area of the certificate sought, which shall include mentoring and at least 70 hours of professional development targeted toward appropriate pedagogical skills, over the two years of employment.