

## AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 101, 207, 208, 209, 305, 308 and 309.

1. Paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of section 100.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective December 12, 2016, as follows:

(4) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subdivision, a board of education or trustees of the school district, or the governing body of the nonpublic school, may award the career development and occupational studies commencement credential prior to April 3, 2017 to a student who has met the requirements for a nationally-recognized work-readiness credential, including but not limited to SkillsUSA Work Force Ready Employability Assessment, the National Work Readiness Credential, the National Career Readiness Certificate – (ACT) WorkKeys and the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems Workforce Skills Certification System.

(ii) On or after April 3, 2017, a board of education or trustees of the school district, or the governing body of the nonpublic school, may award the career development and occupational studies commencement credential to a student who has received a satisfactory passing score on any work-readiness assessment approved by the commissioner pursuant to this subparagraph.

(a) Approval of work-readiness assessments by the commissioner. Each work work-readiness assessment approved by the commissioner shall meet the following criteria, in addition to any criteria set forth in any request for qualifications process:

(1) measure universal foundation knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for entry-level employment across multiple industries and occupations and the assessment shall be reviewed at least every five years and be updated accordingly;

(2) be designed in consultation with workforce experts, such as, but not limited to, employers, national business organizations, or federal or State labor agencies;

(3) be consistent with technical criteria for validity, reliability, and fairness in testing;

(4) be developed by an entity other than a local school or school district;

(5) be available for use by any school or school district in New York State; and

(6) be administered in accordance with assessment security conditions, directions and procedures established by the Commissioner.