

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 215, 3001, 3003 and 3009 of the Education Law.

Paragraph (3) of Subdivision (c) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended, effective January 19, 2016, to read as follows:

(3) Content specialty [examination] test. [A] Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, a candidate who takes and fails to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on any required revised content specialty [examination] test in the candidate's certification area may, in lieu of retaking such revised content specialty test:

(i) receive a satisfactory score on the predecessor content specialty [examination] test after receipt of his/her failing score on the revised content specialty tests and prior to June 30, 2016; or

(ii) pass the predecessor content specialty [examination] test on or before the new certification examination requirements became operational, provided the candidate has taken and failed the revised content specialty test prior to June 30, 2016.

(c) A candidate who takes and fails to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on Part Two of the new Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers Grade 7 - Grade 12 content specialty test, if required for the certificate area sought and he/she received a satisfactory level of performance on Parts One and Three of such test on or after September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, may, in lieu of retaking Part Two of such examination:

(1) present the Department with sufficient evidence of satisfactory completion of the mathematics tutorial approved by the Department prior to June 30, 2016; and

(2) submit an attestation on or before June 30, 2016, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, and signed by a dean or chief academic officer of a higher education institution or the substantial equivalent, attesting that the candidate has:

(i) demonstrated comparable mathematical skills to what is required by Part Two of the multi-subject (7-12) content specialty examination through course completion by completing a minimum of three semester hours in mathematics coursework satisfactory to the Commissioner; and

(ii) received a cumulative grade of a 3.0 or higher, or the substantial equivalent, in such coursework.

