

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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

1. Subdivision (c) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(c) [Notwithstanding] Except as otherwise prescribed in this subdivision, notwithstanding any applicable provisions of Subparts 80-1, 80-3, 80-4 and 80-5 of this Part or any other provision of rule or regulation to the contrary, a candidate who applies for and meets all the requirements for a certificate on or before June 30, 2018, except that such candidate does not achieve a satisfactory level of performance on one or more of the new certification examinations (the academic literacy skills test and/or the teacher performance assessment) or the revised content specialty examination(s), as prescribed by the Commissioner, that is/are required for the certificate title sought, [and such examination(s) was/were taken and failed on or after September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017] may instead use one or more of the following safety net options, in lieu of taking, retaking one or more of such new and/or revised certification examinations:

(1) . . .

(2) . . .

[(3) . . .]

(3) Content Specialty Test.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this paragraph, a candidate who takes and fails to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on any of the revised content specialty examinations from May 1, 2015

through October 17, 2016, in the candidate's certification area, may, in lieu of retaking such revised content specialty test:

(a) receive a satisfactory score on the predecessor content specialty examination after receipt of his/her failing score on the revised content specialty test; or

(b) pass the predecessor content specialty examination on or before the new certification examination requirements become operational.

(ii) A candidate who applies for certification on or after October 18, 2016 and/or who has a pending application for certification on file with the Office of Teaching Initiatives on October 18, 2016, as determined by the Department, may receive a satisfactory passing score on either the revised content specialty test or the predecessor content specialty exam (even if the candidate took and passed the predecessor examination on or before October 18, 2016) until June 30, 2017.

(iii) For revised content specialty tests that become operational on or after October 18, 2016, a candidate may take and receive a satisfactory passing score on either the revised content specialty test or the predecessor content specialty exam until June 30, 2019.

[(iii)] (iv) 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, 2017] June 30, 2018, may, in lieu of retaking part two of such examination:

(a) present the Department with sufficient evidence of satisfactory completion of the mathematics tutorial approved by the Department prior to June 30, [2017] 2018; and

(b) submit an attestation on or before June 30, [2017] 2018, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, 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.

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