

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 101, 207, 210, 215, 305, 3001, 3004 and 3009.

1. Subdivision (a) of section 80-3.15 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

§80-3.15 Statement of continued eligibility for teachers of students with disabilities who teach a special class in grades 7-12.

(a) Upon application, a person who meets the requirements of this section and is employed in a public school or other school for which teacher certification is required to teach a special class, as defined in section 200.1(uu) of this Title, may be issued a statement of continued eligibility pursuant to which such person may teach one or more of the following subject areas in a special class without a teaching certificate in these areas as is required under this Part: biology, chemistry, earth science, English Language Arts, mathematics, physics, and social studies; provided that such person holds a valid initial or professional certificate in the classroom teaching service in students with disabilities (grades 7-12) generalist [(grades 7-12)], students with disabilities (grades 7-12) content specialist, students with disabilities (grades 5-9) generalist, students with disabilities (grades 5-9) content specialist; or the special education (grades K-12) generalist permanent certificate and meets the requirements of this section for each subject area for which the person is seeking a statement of continued eligibility.

2. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (r) of section 80-4.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(r) Requirements for a grade-level extension to teach students with disabilities (grades 5-6). The candidate shall meet the requirements in each of the following paragraphs:

(1) the candidate shall hold a valid initial or professional certificate in students with disabilities (grades 7-12 [generalist]) generalist and students with disabilities (grades 7-12) content specialist;

4. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (s) of section 80-4.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(s) Requirements for a grade-level extension to teach students with disabilities in (grades 10-12). The candidate shall meet the requirements in each of the following paragraphs:

(1) the candidate shall hold a valid initial or professional certificate in students with disabilities (grades 5-9) generalist and students with disabilities (grades 5-9) content specialist;

4. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (t) of section 80-4.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(t) Requirements for the issuance of a limited extension to teach a specific subject in a special class in grades 7-12.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of limited extensions issued under this subdivision is to authorize a teacher who holds a valid initial or professional certificate in the classroom teaching service in students with disabilities (grades 7-12) generalist [(grades 7-12)], students with disabilities (grades 7-12) content specialist, students with disabilities (grades 5-9) generalist, students with disabilities (grades 5-9) content specialist, or the special education (grades K-12) generalist permanent certificate to teach one of the

following subject areas in a special class as defined in section 200.1(uu) of this Title: biology, chemistry, earth science, English Language Arts, mathematics, physics, and social studies.

5. Clause (a) of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (t) of section 80-4.3 of the Commissioner's regulations is amended to read as follows:

(a) at least two years of satisfactory full-time teaching experience in grades 7-12 in the subject area in which the limited extension is sought or in a closely related subject area acceptable to the department; or