

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 207, 305, 3001, 3004 and 3006 of the Education Law.

1. Clause (c) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 80-3.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(c) For candidates with a graduate degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and two years of post-secondary 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 in (grades 7-12) on or after February 2, 2011 and prior to February 2, 2019 in earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics or a closely related field, the candidate shall not be required to meet the general requirements in subparagraph (2)(iii), (iv) or (v) of this subdivision. 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) a least two years of satisfactory teaching experience in a school district while the candidate holds a transitional G certificate under this Part.

2. A new subparagraph (xiii) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 80-3.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be added to read as follows:

(xiii) For candidates with a graduate degree and two years of post-secondary 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 on or after February 2, 2019, the candidate shall not be required to meet the general requirements in subparagraph (2)(iii), (iv) or (v) of this subdivision. However, the candidate shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Degree completion. The candidate shall possess a graduate degree in the area of a certificate title sought or in a closely related subject area acceptable to the department 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; provided, however, that such experience must have been completed within 10 years immediately preceding the application for an Initial certificate unless the candidate holds/held a Transitional G certificate.

(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 satisfactory teaching experience in a school district while the candidate holds a transitional G certificate under this Part.