

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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

1. 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, general science, language other than English (specified) in either (grades 5-9) or (grades 7-12), 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, 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.

(b) ..

(c) The statement of continued eligibility shall be valid for service in any district and shall be continuously valid provided that the person holds a valid initial or professional certificate in students with disabilities [generalist (grades 7-12)] (grades 7-12) generalist, 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 generalist permanent certificate and is teaching in a special class, as defined in section 200.1(uu) of this Title.

2. Subdivision (n) of section 80-4.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(n) Requirements for the extension to teach certain subjects in grades 7-12.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of an extension issued under this section is to authorize a teacher who [is certified] holds a valid initial or professional certificate in the classroom teaching service in students with disabilities (grades 5-9[-generalist) or (grades 7-12-generalist)] generalist, students with disabilities (grades 5-9) content specialist, students with disabilities (grades 7-12) generalist, students with disabilities (grades 7-12) content specialist, or the special education generalist permanent certificate to authorize the teacher to be employed as the teacher of record for students with disabilities in certain subjects.

(2) Subjects for which extension may be obtained. A teacher who [is certified] holds a valid initial or professional certificate in the classroom teaching service in students with disabilities [(grades 5-9 generalist) or (grades 7-12-generalist)] generalist, students with disabilities (grades 5-9) content specialist, students with disabilities (grades 7-12) generalist, students with disabilities (grades 7-12) content specialist, or

the special education generalist permanent certificate may seek an extension under this subdivision in one of the following subjects: mathematics; English language arts; biology; chemistry; earth science; physics; social studies; language other than English (specified) in either (grades 5-9) or (grades 7 through 12).

(3) Requirements for the extension. The candidate shall meet the requirements in each of the following paragraphs:

(i) the candidate shall hold a valid initial or professional certificate in [students with disabilities (grades 7-12 generalist) or] students with disabilities (grades 5-9 [generalist) or a valid provisional or permanent certificate for teaching students with disabilities in (grades pre-K through 12)]] generalist, students with disabilities (grades 5-9) content specialist, students with disabilities (grades 7-12) generalist, students with disabilities (grades 7-12) content specialist, or the special education generalist permanent certificate;

3. 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, 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, general science, language other than English (specified) in either (grades 5-9) or (grades 7-12), mathematics, physics, and social studies.

(2) ...

(3) Requirements for a limited extension. A limited extension may be issued to a candidate in a specific subject area provided that the candidate holds a valid initial or professional certificate in the classroom teaching service in students with disabilities [generalist (grades 7-12)] (grades 7-12) generalist, 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 generalist permanent certificate and meets the requirements in one of the following subparagraphs:

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(ii) . . .

(iii) . .

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(v) . . .