

## AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 101, 207, 208, 209, 305, 308, 3204 and 3205

Paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of section 100.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective February 26, 2014, as follows:

(2)(i) In order to receive a high school equivalency diploma, candidates shall:

[(i)] (a) take [the] a general comprehensive examination prescribed for the program, in English, and achieve a standing designated as satisfactory by the Commissioner of Education; or

[(ii)] (b) take [the] a general comprehensive examination prescribed for the program in a language other than English and for those taking the examination on or after July 1, 1986, an English language proficiency examination designed by the commissioner, and achieve a standing designated as satisfactory by the commissioner in each examination, except that candidates who achieve a satisfactory standing only on [the] a general comprehensive examination may receive a high school equivalency diploma that bears an inscription indicating the language in which the general comprehensive examination was taken, and may exchange such diploma for a diploma not containing such inscription upon achievement of a satisfactory standing on the designated English language proficiency examination; or

[(iii)] (c) provide satisfactory evidence that they have successfully completed 24 semester hours or the equivalent as a recognized candidate for a college-level degree or certificate at an approved institution. Beginning with applications made on or after September 1, 2000 and before September 30, 2004, the 24 semester hours shall be

distributed as follows: six semester hours or the equivalent in English language arts including writing, speaking and reading (literature); six semester hours or the equivalent in mathematics; three semester hours or the equivalent in natural sciences; three semester hours or the equivalent in social sciences; three semester hours or the equivalent in humanities; and three semester hours or the equivalent in career and technical education and/or foreign languages. Beginning with applications made on or after September 30, 2004, the 24 semester hours shall be distributed as follows: six semester hours or the equivalent in English language arts including writing, speaking and reading (literature); three semester hours or the equivalent in mathematics; three semester hours or the equivalent in natural sciences; three semester hours or the equivalent in social sciences; three semester hours or the equivalent in humanities; and six semester hours or the equivalent in any other courses within the registered degree or certificate program.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (a) and (b) of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and subdivision (d) of this section, a passing score or scores on at least one but not more than four of the sub-tests of such examination or examinations taken in calendar years 2002 through 2013 for the English version of the exam and 2003 through 2013 for the Spanish version of the examination may be accepted as a passing score on the corresponding sub-test or sub-tests of any general comprehensive examination prescribed for the program and administered on or after January 1, 2014 and before January 1, 2016.