

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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

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

(ii) A candidate who: (i) completes a student teaching or similar clinical experience during the [Spring] spring 2020 or [Summer] summer 2020 terms while enrolled in a program registered pursuant to section 52.21 of this Title and could not complete their teacher performance assessment as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, as determined by the dean or his/her designee overseeing the candidate's program; (ii) completes a student teaching or similar clinical experience during the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 academic [year] years while enrolled in a program registered pursuant to section 52.21 of this Title; (iii) completes a student teaching experience during the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 academic [year] years while enrolled in a substantially equivalent teacher education program at a regionally accredited institution of higher education, or a higher education institution that the commissioner deems substantially equivalent, from another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia that leads to certification in the title and type of certificate sought in the jurisdiction where the higher education institution is located; or (iv) completes the teaching experience requirement for certification through the individual evaluation pathway during the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 academic [year] years, may either:

(a) take and receive a satisfactory level of performance on the teacher performance assessment;

(b) take the written assessment of teaching skills by September 1, [2023] 2024 and receive a satisfactory score on such assessment; or

(c) for a candidate who takes and fails to achieve a satisfactory level of performance on the teacher performance assessment, may, in lieu of retaking such assessment:

(1) take the written assessment of teaching skills by September 1, [2023] 2024 and receive a satisfactory score on the written assessment of teaching skills after receipt of his/her score on the teacher performance assessment; or

(2) apply for a waiver of the edTPA requirement through the multiple-measures review process pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section, if he/she meets the eligibility requirements.