



Kansas Teacher Licensure Regulation Changes



House Bill 2506, recently signed into law by Governor Brownback, calls for several changes to be made to teacher licensing as it relates to STEM degree holders, out-of-state license holders and career technical education. A special meeting of the state board was called on Tuesday, June 3rd in order to expedite the approval process of temporary and permanent teacher licensure regulations in order to comply with new state law that goes into effect July 1.

Application forms will be available beginning July 1.

STEM LICENSE

For STEM degree holders with five years of experience and an offer for hire:

APPLICANT:

1. Holds a degree in life science, physical science, earth and space science, mathematics, engineering, computer technology, finance or accounting
2. Has five years of professional work experience in the subject matter
3. Has verification a district will employ and assign him or her to teach only the subject matter specified on the license based on the degree and experience

LICENSE:

- One year license valid for current/upcoming school year
- For grades 8-12
- Renewable with application and verification of continued employment

OUT OF STATE LICENSED APPLICANTS

APPLICANT:

1. Holds an unexpired out-of-state license to teach at the secondary level
2. Has an offer for hire by a KS district

LICENSE:

- Type of license issued determined by the applicant's testing history (content and pedagogy tests) and/or exemptions from testing based on experience
- For grades 8-12

OR

APPLICANT:

1. Earned their out-of-state license by completing an alternative teacher preparation program (did not student teach)
2. Has five or more years of accredited experience, three of which are consecutive in the same district under a standard license

LICENSE:

- Professional level license
- Appropriate endorsements/grade level

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CREDENTIALS:

CTE SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATE:

- Allows individual with appropriate occupational knowledge and skills* to instruct in CTE pathway assignment
- Request for issuance by a hiring district to teach identified course(s). Limited to teaching the specified course(s) for that district
- Three years, renewable upon request and for grades 8-12

*Must verify:

- Industry recognized certificate in the technical profession and five years of full-time work experience in that technical profession

OR

- If hired in a .5 FTE or less assignment, verify occupational competency via multiple options depending on the technical area. Verification of competency may include a recognized competency exam; occupational license; industry recognized credential; or 4000 hours of work experience in the CTE area.

REVISION OF THE RESTRICTED/FULL TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE:

- Aligns with pathways language and increases the number of pathways where a technical certificate is appropriate
- An approved provider other than a university may deliver the required professional education
- Creates the ability for educators to add a new CTE subject based only on verification of occupational competency

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