

Proposed Rules
of the
State Board of Education

Chapter 0520-2-4
Licensure

Presented herein are proposed amendments of the State Board of Education submitted pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-202 in lieu of a rulemaking hearing. It is the intent of the State Board of Education to promulgate these rules without a rulemaking hearing unless a petition requesting such hearing is filed within thirty (30) days of the publication date of the issue of the Tennessee Administrative Register in which the proposed amendments are published. Such petition to be effective, must be filed with the State Board of Education, 9th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1050, and in the Department of State, 8th Floor, William Snodgrass Building, 312 8th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, and must be signed by twenty-five (25) persons who will be affected by the rules, or submitted by a municipality which will be affected by the rule, or an association of twenty-five (25) or more members, or any standing committee of the General Assembly.

For a copy of this proposed rule, contact Rich Haglund, State Board of Education, 9th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN, 37243-1050, (615) 741-2966.

The text of the proposed amendments is as follows:

Amendments

Rule 0520-2-4.13 Requirements for the Occupational Education License is amended by deleting the rule in its entirety and substituting instead the following language so that as amended the rule shall read:

0520-2-4-.13 Requirements for the Occupational Education License.

(1) Apprentice Occupational Education License.

(a) Issuance of License.

An apprentice occupational education license may be issued to individuals who meet the following requirements. Qualifications including experience and educational preparation shall be reviewed by the Department of Education staff who shall recommend issuance of the apprentice occupational education license.

1. Health Sciences Education.

(i) The secondary health science teacher shall have completed three years of successful employment within the past five (5) years in a related health occupation prior to teaching.

(ii) Health science teachers must hold an associate or higher degree in a health-related area and hold current licensure registration or certification in an allied health occupation or current licensure as a registered nurse in Tennessee. Teachers must successfully complete a comprehensive test administered or accepted by the Tennessee Health Related Boards.

2. Trade and Industry.

- (i) Effective September 1, 2002, trade and industry teachers shall hold and maintain a current industry certification, where available, in the specific endorsement area for which they are licensed. This Industry Certification may be acquired prior to Apprentice license, but must be presented at the time the teacher advances from Apprentice to Professional Occupational License.
- (ii) Endorsements in Trade and Industrial Education can be obtained through one of four different pathways using work experience, industry certification and post secondary training. The four possible pathways are:
 - (I) Credentialed (certificate or diploma) post-secondary training in the endorsed area, or associate degree, or industry certification may substitute for two (2) years of work experience. In addition, applicant must also have at least three (3) years of work experience in the endorsed area in the last eight (8) years for a total of five (5) years; or
 - (II) A combination of an associate degree related to the endorsed area and industry certification may be substituted for four (4) years of work experience. In addition, applicant must have at least one (1) year of work experience in the endorsed area in the last eight years (8) for a total of five (5) years; or
 - (III) A bachelor's degree or higher degree in the endorsed area may be substituted for four (4) years of work experience. In addition, applicant must also have at least one (1) year of work experience in the endorsed area in the last eight (8) years for a total of five (5) years; or
 - (IV) Five (5) years of full-time work experience accrued in the occupational area of endorsement within the last eight (8) years.
- (iii) A trade and industry teacher shall be a high school graduate or the equivalent, as determined by the General Education Development (GED) test.
- (iv) Cosmetology and barbering teachers must hold current licensure issued by the respective state licensing board to instruct in Tennessee.

(b) Validity of License.

The apprentice occupational education license shall be valid for five (5) years; except that when a teacher becomes employed in a Tennessee public school, the license shall be valid until the teacher has been employed three (3) years at the apprentice level.

(c) Renewal of License.

1. The holder of the apprentice occupational education license who was not employed for three (3) or more years in a Tennessee public school during the five (5) year period of license validity may be reissued the license.

2. In order to have the license reissued, the teacher must have obtained or maintained current industry certification in the area of endorsement where available and acceptable as the industry standard.
3. In order to have the license reissued, the teacher must provide verification of the updating of competency in the occupational area including two (2) years of work experience within the past five (5) years or sixty (60) clock hours of participation in professional/technical workshops or a combination.

(2) Professional Occupational Education License.

(a) Issuance of License.

The teacher may advance to the professional occupational education license provided that he/she has completed the following requirements. Prior to the fourth year of teaching, the teacher shall provide to the Department of Education documentation that the following requirements have been met:

1. Attendance during the first year of teaching at a three (3) day seminar sponsored by Career & Technical Education, Division of Department of Education.
2. Attendance during the first year of teaching at a two (2) full day seminar sponsored by the Career & Technical Education, Division of Department of Education for new teachers.
3. Observation of experienced teachers in the teaching area during four (4) days of released time.
4. Assistance of a teacher mentor during the first three (3) years of teaching.
5. Complete three (3) years of teaching in an approved school.
6. Receive a positive recommendation from the local education agency based on evaluation under a model approved by the State Board of Education.
7. Complete successfully the teacher education program of eighteen (18) semester hours designed to meet the knowledge and skills for career and technical education teachers. A teacher who meets all the knowledge and skills at the time of employment is exempted from this requirement.
8. Industry Certification for Trade & Industrial Education instructors must also be submitted where required by teacher endorsement areas.

(b) Validity of License

The professional occupational education license shall be valid for ten (10) years.

(b) Renewal of License.

1. A professional occupational education license issued on a bachelor's degree or less is renewable upon verification of completion of ninety (90) professional renewal points (six (6) semester hours of appropriate coursework may be substituted for ninety (90) renewal points) within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license. Professional renewal points are defined in the Professional License Renewal Guide.

2. A professional occupational education license based on a master's degree or above may be renewed with verification of five (5) years endorsed area teaching experience during the period of license validity. In the absence of five (5) years of endorsed area teaching experience, the license is renewable based on verification of completion of ninety (90) professional renewal points (six (6) semester hours of coursework may be substituted for ninety (90) renewal points) within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license.
3. All teachers that need to earn ninety (90) renewal points and satisfy Career and Technical Education requirements must provide the following documentation:
 - (i) Verification of four hundred eighty (480) hours of non-teaching work experience in the occupational area of endorsement, or ninety (90) clock hours of participation in professional/technical workshops (six (6) semester hours of appropriate coursework may be substituted for ninety (90) clock hours of professional/technical workshops).
 - (ii) All applicants for cosmetology, barbering, and health occupations must also submit proof they hold a current state license to practice that profession.
 - (iii) Industry Certification for Trade & Industrial Education instructors must also be submitted where required by teacher endorsement areas.

Authority: Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302.

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Rule 0520-2-4-.14, Renewal of Teacher Licenses, are amended by deleting the paragraphs in their entirety and substituting instead the following language so that as amended the paragraphs shall read:

0520-2-4-.14 Renewal of Teacher Licenses.

(1) Professional License.

- (a) A professional license issued on a bachelor's degree is renewable upon verification of completion of ninety (90) renewal points within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license. Renewal points are defined in the License Renewal Guide.
- (b) A professional license issued on a master's degree or above is renewable upon the presentation of evidence of five (5) years experience within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of renewal of the license. In the absence of five (5) years of experience, the license is renewable upon verification of completion of ninety (90) renewal points within the ten (10) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license.

(2) Apprentice License.

- (a) The holder of an apprentice teacher license who has three (3) years acceptable experience in a Tennessee public school during the period of license validity but who lacks the required positive evaluation to move to the professional teacher license shall be reissued the apprentice teacher license.
- (b) An apprentice teacher license issued on a bachelor's degree is renewable upon verification of completion of forty-five (45) renewal points within the five (5) year

period prior to the date of the renewal of the license. Renewal points are defined in the License Renewal Guide.

- (c) An apprentice teacher license issued on a master's degree or above is renewable upon the presentation of evidence of three (3) years experience within the five (5) year period prior to the date of the renewal of the license.

Authority: Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302 and § 49-5-108

The proposed rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 11th day of June, 2007, and pursuant to the instructions set out above, and in the absence of the filing of an appropriate petition calling for a rulemaking hearing, will become effective on the 26th day of October, 2007. (FS 06-05-07, DBID 2553)