
Education Quality Team Staff Report for 16 of May 2023

Updates:

We still have approximately 80 Plus temporary licenses waiting to be finalized. This backup is due to the turnaround time to receive fingerprint reports back from the Vermont Crime Information Center. That timeline is 12 weeks or more. In the meantime, the Office has extended Letters of Eligibility to accommodate the wait time for VCIC reports to be returned.

The Office approved (3) three requests from Essex Westford SU and 1 request for Windsor Southeast SU to fill long term sub positions. These are 30 -day extensions or extensions that take them through the end of the school year for educators on the limit of substitute teaching rule 5380.

In working with Peer Review Coordinator Ryan McCormick, we have had to extend (5) five Provisionals through September 30,2023 because of the difficulty recruiting, scheduling and coordinating panel interviews.

Since we are coming to a close for this year with board member terms, we have Amy Minor, Amy Flannery and Ellen Emery who have completed their first term on the board and are eligible to run again for another term. All three are interested in continuing and we will be submitting their names to the Governor's office for confirmation. Shelby Quinn has completed her two eligible board terms and will no longer be eligible to serve on the board. We thank Shelby for her service and will be looking to fill that teacher vacancy.

The new rule books governing the licensing of educators and the preparation of educational professionals have arrived. If board members would like a hard copy, please reach out to Amy Scalabrini and she will be happy to mail you a copy.

The Licensing Team within the Education Quality Division is offering three trainings for Superintendents and Human Resource personnel. The trainings will cover general licensing processes including new Rule changes. The trainings are held May 24, 2023, at the Hampton Inn in Colchester, VT May 31, 2023, at Lake Morey, in Fairlee, VT and one TBD at Castleton University.

Currently Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary of Education is serving as Interim Secretary of Education until the Governor appoints a new Secretary of Education.

The Office has revised its internal procedure for pre-approved course sequences through transcript review. The previous procedure was identified as “disincentivizing” ROPA new-program approval, and was unclear on availability for initial licensure and out-of-state providers. These updates clarify the procedures for initial licensure sequences and out-of-state providers, and requires pre-approved sequences to apply for new-program ROPA approval after three years, or seek a waiver from the VSBPE to continue as a pre-approved sequence on an annual basis.

Special Education Provisional Waivers:

Currently we have 61 applications for 2022-23. That represents about 34 SU’S/SD’S who have submitted applications. 12 of those SU’S/SD’S have submitted 2 or more special education provisional waivers. The breakdown of instructional levels is below:

- 64 Special Education Waiver Provisional applications submitted.
- 8 closed.
- 29 of the applications represent Grades K through Age 21 Special Education
- 17 of the applications represent Grades K through 8 Special Education
- 6 of the applications represent Grades 7 through Age 21 Special Education
- 6 of the applications represent Birth through Age 6 Early Childhood Education.

May 2023 Update:

L/RSB: Licensing Specialists are currently waiting for CRC Reports or payment for four (4) 2022 renewals.

An L/RSB April Newsletter for 2023 was emailed to all L/RSB Chairs and Co-Chairs with various pieces of licensing information on April 28, 2023.

Online meetings are being scheduled with individual Boards. Deciding how to meet with remaining unscheduled Boards so they don’t lose their grant allotment. To date 31/61 have held or scheduled a remote meeting.

Annual L/RSB Surveys are being created to email to all Boards in May.

A grant training for Deb, Josh and Ron will be held in May, as the format for submitting L/RSB Grants is changing. Grant Applications will be determined by the training and then emailed to qualifying LRSBs.

In-person summer conferences for L/RSB members are in the planning stage for this summer.

An email was sent to all LSBs in early May in regards interest in serving on the VSBPE to fill the upcoming teacher vacancy.

2023 renewals continue to be submitted to the AOE. The main reason for delays is due to improper employment being entered by the educator. 60% of expected 2023 renewals have been forwarded to AOE Licensing Specialists for review.

Deb also continues to address questions and concerns from L/RSBs and educators regarding relicensure.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 5-4-2023: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	207
Reinstatement	41
Renewal	466
Retired	5
Temporary	82
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	0
Transcript Review – Initial	56
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	65
Peer Review - Initial	79
Peer Review – Add endorsement	19