

VSBE

Date: January 9, 2025

Item: Policy F2 Recency of Study Policy Revision, First Reading

Proposed: Shall the VSBE approve the proposed revision to Policy F2 Recency of Study to not require recent study in cases of licensure via reciprocity with a lifetime license?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve the proposed revision to Policy F2 Recency of Study to not require recent study in cases of licensure via reciprocity with a lifetime license.

BACKGROUND:

Policy F2 did not originally include a requirement for candidates seeking licensure via reciprocity to show recent study. The AOE made the suggestion that this be included in the policy, and in January of 2023, the VSBE approved that revision. In the past two years, the licensing specialist has found that the only state that currently offers a lifetime license is New Jersey. As other states will grant a license through reciprocity for those who hold a N.J. license, there is a loophole in that a candidate can use their NJ license to get a license in, for example, NH and then qualify for a VT license. This is making extra work for candidates and for the AOE licensing specialist. Recency of Study would still apply for candidates with expired licenses from other states.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Current Policy F2 with proposed change in red:

Policy on Recency of Study

Updated knowledge and skills for Initial licensure (~~including reciprocity for lifetime licenses from another state and~~ expired reciprocal licenses), Reinstatement, and Adding Endorsements through Transcript Review:

An applicant shall meet the following requirements for updated knowledge and skills when there is a time lapse of ten (10) or more years between the time of the courses taken for the license or endorsement, ~~when granted an out-of-state lifetime license~~, and application for licensure or additional endorsement:

Six (6) credits/ 90 hours of professional learning in the endorsement area within the last five (5) years are required.

Two (2) credits/30 hours of the six (6) credits/90 hours must align with the content and knowledge standards of the endorsement.

Activities that qualify can be found in SB/H2 – Activities that Qualify for Professional Learning Credit.

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