

TO: VSBPE Licensure Committee

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: GPA Requirements for a Provisional License

BACKGROUND: It has come to the attention of the AOE that there is not a GPA requirement for a candidate to obtain a provisional license. However, to earn a recommendation from a ROPA approved program a candidate must have an overall 3.0 GPA to receive a recommendation for licensure.

See Rules below:

Rule for Candidates for Licensure:

5924.7 To earn a recommendation from an education preparation program, upon completion of the program a candidate shall achieve an overall 3.0 grade point average and 3.0 grade point average in the field of major study as defined by the institution.

Rule for Provisional License:

5350 Provisional Licenses and Endorsements

5351 The Standards Board, or its designee, shall issue a two-year Provisional License with an endorsement to an individual on the application of a superintendent, director, headmaster of an independent school, or Career Technical Director, when the local district or independent school is unable to find an appropriately licensed and/or endorsed applicant after making all reasonable efforts to do so, or when a licensed or endorsed applicant does not possess the qualifications necessary for the specific assignment. The application for a Provisional License or endorsement shall include a plan for obtaining a Level I Professional Educator's License or endorsement and an explanation of how the applicant will be mentored and supervised during the two-year period of the Provisional License by a professionally licensed Vermont educator.

Qualifications – With the exceptions below, applicants for a Provisional License and/or endorsement shall possess a baccalaureate degree and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a) possess any valid professional educator license from Vermont or from another state;
- b) possess any expired Vermont educator license or any expired educator license from another state, provided the license expired no fewer than two years and no longer than 10 years ago;
- c) have a major or the equivalent in the content area of the provisional endorsement sought;

- d) have successfully completed the licensure content assessment for the provisional endorsement sought.
- i. Applicants for a Provisional School Nurse or Associate School Nurse endorsement must hold an RN degree and a current Vermont nursing license.
 - ii. Applicants for Provisional Associate School Nurse endorsements must have an Associate's Degree/Diploma from a nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) but are exempt from the baccalaureate degree requirement.
 - iii. Applicants for Provisional Career Technical Education endorsements must have an Associate's Degree, or its equivalent, but are exempt from the baccalaureate degree requirement.
 - iv. Applicants for a Provisional Educational Speech Language Pathologist endorsement must hold a current Vermont clinical SLP license.
 - v. Applicants for Provisional Junior ROTC Instructor endorsements must hold the Department of Defense certification as a junior ROTC instructor and are exempt from the baccalaureate degree requirement.
 - vi. Applicants for Provisional Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement must demonstrate coursework equivalent to Vermont's Driver Education I and II and meet the Additional Requirements for the endorsement.
 - vii. Applicants for a Provisional School Psychologist endorsement must hold a current Vermont Clinical Psychologist license or be a currently Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) through the National Association for School Psychologists (NASP).
 - viii. Applicants for a Provisional endorsement in human services/ personal care must hold appropriate licenses via the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation.

5352 A provisional endorsement may be requested without making all reasonable attempts to find a properly endorsed person when the superintendent wishes to assign a current employee who is licensed in Vermont, but not properly endorsed for the assignment, or an unlicensed individual who is a candidate in a diversity program approved by the Secretary. In either instance the individual must submit a plan by which he/she will qualify for licensure and/or endorsement within the two year provisional period. If the employee is not properly endorsed at the expiration of the provisional endorsement, the district shall make all reasonable efforts to seek a properly endorsed applicant.

5353 Provisional License or endorsement requests shall not be approved before June 1 for the ensuing year unless the request is for an administrator whose assignment for the ensuing year begins prior to that date. Provisional License requests for such assignments shall not be approved prior to April 1 for the ensuing school year.

5354 A Provisional License or endorsement shall expire on June 30 of the second school year for which it was granted.

5355 A Provisional License or endorsement shall not be extended for any individual unless the Standards Board, or its designee, determines that extenuating circumstances exist that prevented the individual from completing the approved plan for obtaining a Level I Professional Educator's License. A Provisional License or endorsement shall not be granted a second time in the same endorsement area for any individual, unless the Standards Board or its designee determines that extenuating circumstances exist.

5356 An educator who holds a Provisional License may be employed by any school district during the life of the Provisional License if the employing district shows need in accord with Section 5351 of these rules.

For Discussion:

Does the licensure committee believe that this is something for further discussion for the Board in the 2017-2018 year?