
Education Quality Team Staff Report for 30 of March 2023

Renewals for 2023 are flowing in on a consistent basis. We anticipate processing approximately 3500 this year.

We still have approximately 120 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 4 requests from South Burlington School District to fill long term sub positions and medical leave. These are 30 day extensions for educators on the limit of substitute teaching rule 5380.

Due to an incorrect date on the AOE testing requirements online document, the Office has chosen to accept a 2017 Math SAT score of 510 for an applicant who is graduating from UVM this Spring. A score of 500 was accepted for tests taken until 2016, and 530 after that date. The AOE document had the date 2018 for that transition. The applicant has just started his solo teaching experience, has met all other testing requirements, and the error was just caught by UVM's new Licensing Director, Patrick Halladay. The office feels that requiring him to take the Praxis Math subtest before May graduation would put undue stress at the conclusion of this preparation.

The proposed new rules governing the licensing of educators and the preparation of educational professionals was presented and approved by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) on February 16, 2023. Amy is working on getting them in final book form soon.

The Governor reported that Dan French will be resigning as Secretary of Education as of April 10th to take a leadership position with the Council of Chief State School Officers.

From the Education Quality Division: Ron Ryan, Education Programs Manager

Special Education Provisional Waivers:

Currently we have 61 applications for 2022-23. That represents about 33 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:

61 Special Education Waiver Provisional applications submitted.

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29 of the applications represent Grades K through Age 21 Special Education

17 of the applications represent Grades K through 8 Special Education

5 of the applications represent Grades 7 through Age 21 Special Education

6 of the applications represent Birth through Age 6 Early Childhood Education.

March 2023 Update:

L/RSB: Licensing Specialists are currently waiting on CRC Reports or payment for 11 2022 renewals.

An L/RSB March Newsletter for 2023 was emailed to all L/RSB Chairs and Co-Chairs with various pieces of licensing information on March 3, 2023.

Online meetings are being scheduled with individual Boards. 23/61 L/RSB have held or scheduled a virtual meeting to date. Three virtual meetings were cancelled by the Boards the week of March 13-17, 2023, due to the snowstorm in Vermont. 2/3 Boards have rescheduled a meeting. April dates are filling quickly.

2023 renewals continue to be submitted to the AOE. The main reason for delays is due to improper employment being entered by the educator.

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

Current Work Queue per application type as of 3-20-2023: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	201
Reinstatement	36
Renewal	334
Retired	6
Temporary	126
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	1
Transcript Review – Initial	45
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	50
Peer Review - Initial	69
Peer Review – Add endorsement	18