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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR EDUCATOR LICENSE ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1. General Requirements. All provisions of Chapter 2 of these rules and regulations apply.

Section 2. Initial Endorsements. Requirements for obtaining initial endorsement on an Educator License:

(a) Verification of appropriate preparation, training, and experience in the area(s) of specialization and at the grade levels for the endorsement(s) being sought. Acceptable verification shall be an institutional recommendation from an accredited institution of higher education, verifying successful completion of an approved program and a passing score on an approved test for endorsement areas requiring testing.

(b) Applicants who have never held a Wyoming License with the Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) and have not completed an educator preparation program from an accredited institution shall meet all requirements pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 6.

Section 3. Added Academic Content Endorsements. Requirements for added academic content endorsement(s) on an Educator License:

(a) An Institutional Recommendation from an accredited institution of higher education, verifying successful completion of an approved program; or

(b) Reciprocity. Applicants seeking added endorsements through reciprocity shall meet all requirements pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 6 of these rules and regulations and provide verification of full-time experience for at least three (3) academic years out of the last six (6) years, while holding full licensure or certification from the same state, for each endorsement area being sought; or

(c) Demonstration of Competency (DOC).

(i) Requirements for adding an endorsement via DOC:

(A) Credits. Verification of at least 15 semester hours from an accredited institution(s) of higher education in each endorsement area being sought; and

(B) Currency. Documentation that a minimum of five (5) semester hours in each endorsement area being sought were completed within the five (5) years prior to the date of application; and

(C) Quality Assurance. Only coursework verifying a grade of C or above will be accepted; and

(D) Content. Coursework must meet the PTSB program standards (listed in Chapter 4 of these rules and regulations) in the area of the endorsement being sought. A maximum of three (3) semester hours in pedagogy will be accepted, and

(E) Testing. A passing score on a PTSB approved exam in the endorsement area being sought.

(ii) Requirements for adding a Special Education-Generalist endorsement (K-12, K-6, 5-8, 6-12) via DOC:

(A) Credits. Documentation of at least 20 semester credit hours must demonstrate competency in cross-categorical standards (listed in Chapter 4 of these rules and regulations) and include course work in assessment, instructional strategies for students with disabilities, behavior/classroom management, and special education law.

(B) Practicum. The applicant shall have completed a practicum supervised by an institution of higher education, which:

(I) includes a minimum of three (3) semester hours at each grade endorsement level; and

(II) was completed within five (5) years prior to the date of application; or

(C) Quality Assurance. Only coursework verifying a grade of C or above will be accepted; and

(D) Testing. A passing score on a PTSB approved exam for special education.

(iii) Limitations.

(A) Endorsements shall not be added to Educator Permits via DOC.

(B) Endorsements shall not be added in grade levels outside the applicant's current grade level(s) of any teaching endorsement(s) via DOC without the completion of the equivalent of a three (3) semester hour practicum experience at the grade level(s) under the supervision of an educator holding an endorsement at the grade level.

(C) Endorsements shall not be added in the areas of administration, related services, or in categorical special education fields via DOC.

(D) An endorsement shall not be added in the area of Elementary Education via DOC.

(E) Endorsements shall be added via DOC only by educators who hold

current teaching endorsement(s) in Wyoming.

(iv) Requirements for adding an endorsement in Computer Science via DOC.

(A) Credits. Verification of 15 semester hours from an accredited institution(s) of higher education in computer science; and

(B) Currency. Demonstration that a minimum of five (5) semester hours in computer science were completed within the five (5) years prior to the date of application; and

(C) Quality Assurance. Only coursework verifying a grade of C or above will be accepted; and

(D) Content. Coursework must meet the PTSB program standards (listed in Chapter 4 of these rules and regulations) in the area of computer science. A maximum of three (3) semester hours in pedagogy will be accepted; and

(E) Testing. A passing score on a PTSB approved exam in the endorsement area being sought.

(v) Requirements for adding an endorsement via DOC completed through micro-credentials.

(A) Micro-credential earners must apply to add the endorsement being sought by providing to PTSB documentation verifying they have completed and passed a PTSB approved micro-credential program pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 2; and

(B) Testing. A passing score on a PTSB approved exam in the endorsement area being sought, if applicable.