

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**STAFF NOTE**

**Waiver:**

16 KAR 4:030. Request to Waive Out-of-State GPA Requirements for a Candidate

**Action Question:**

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to waive the out-of-state grade point average (GPA) requirement and issue a Kentucky professional certificate for a candidate?

**Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 161.020, 16 KAR 4:030, 16 KAR 2:010

**History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** 16 KAR 4:030 requires that an out-of-state prepared educator satisfy the degree, academic preparation and grade point average requirements in 16 KAR 2:010 for issuance of a Kentucky teaching certificate. 16 KAR 2:010 requires a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or a GPA of 3.0 on the last thirty hours of credit completed for issuance of a Kentucky teaching certificate.

***Summary:*** A candidate is requesting a waiver of the out-of-state GPA requirement for issuance of a professional certificate for chemistry. She attended an out-of-state university that retroactively failed a class that she had passed which changed her GPA and delayed her graduation. She made the decision to move to another state where she completed student teaching, subbed for a year and then taught middle school science. She then moved to Kentucky with one year of experience. She has taken and passed the Chemistry Praxis and PLT. She states she does not have the financial ability to take more classes. The candidate requests that the EPSB waive the out-of-state GPA requirement and issue her the full five-year Kentucky certificate.

**Budget Impact:** There is no budgetary impact.

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