

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Renewal Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Andoni Munoz Torrez

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the Office of Career and Technical Education's (OCTE) request to renew Andoni Munoz Torrez's one-year provisional occupation-based career and technical education certificate based on zero hours of college credit?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:020

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:020 establishes the qualifications for certification of teachers of occupation-based career and technical education. Section 3 sets the requirements for subsequent renewals of the one-year provisional certificate, which requires a recommendation from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Specifically, the relevant language states that KDE may only "recommend renewal...after the teacher candidate completes a minimum of six (6) semester hours of college credit...for each renewal."

Summary: OCTE has submitted this waiver on behalf of Andoni Munoz Torrez, an auto technology teacher. The candidate states that he did not understand from the New Teacher Institute that the credit hour requirement applied at renewal and, instead, mistakenly believed he had at least five years to complete his associate degree. The candidate further states that he is currently enrolled in courses for the spring semester but is seeking this waiver in case he is unable to successfully complete the courses or in the event the grades are not on his transcript in time to renew before the start of the upcoming school year. OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the requirement of six credit hours for Mr. Torrez and issue him a one-year provisional certificate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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