

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 Ray Valentine

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to renew Ray Valentine'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 Ray Valentine, a business and marketing teacher. The candidate states that, by the time the candidate was admitted into a post-secondary institution, it was too late for financial aid to be awarded. According to the candidate, he later learned middle schools are not eligible for the "scholarship hours" and was unable to pay for classes out-of-pocket. The candidate reports that he has begun the process to get funding to take the required classes in the future. OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the requirement of six semester hours and issue him a one-year provisional certificate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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