

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action Item:

Waiver of 16 KAR 6:020. Assessment Requirements for Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Teachers, Entry Level Assessment Exemptions for Applicants Demonstrating Competency Through Earned Credit

Staff Recommendation:

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve the waiver of an entry level assessment for the occupation-based career and technical education certification applicants with earned college credit from an accredited postsecondary institution.

Rationale:

Applicants who have previously been admitted and earned college credit from an accredited postsecondary institution that is non-remedial and in general education coursework will be permitted to forgo taking another entry assessment as part of obtaining a provisional certificate. Future amendments to 16 KAR 6:020, Section 1(2) will incorporate this flexibility.

Action Question:

Should the EPSB approve the proposed waiver of an entry level assessment for the occupation-based career and technical education certification applicants?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.030, 16 KAR 6:020

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 161.028(1)(m) allows the EPSB to waive a requirement established in an administrative regulation promulgated by the EPSB under extraordinary circumstances justifying the waiver. KRS 161.030(3) authorizes the EPSB to select assessments for all new teachers and teachers seeking initial and additional certification as well as the minimum acceptable level of achievement on those assessments. 16 KAR 6:020, Section 1(2) requires applicants that have not completed an educator preparation program or who do not hold a degree in the specific technical field of certification to successfully complete assessments demonstrating communications skills and general knowledge.

Summary: Applicants for occupation-based career and technical education certification who did not complete a degree but demonstrated competency through earned credit (only non-remedial and in general education coursework) will not be required to complete an entry level assessment as required in 16 KAR 6:020. The waiver will allow staff to update regulations to allow for exemption of an entry level assessment if an applicant provides evidence of earned college credit from an accredited postsecondary institution on an official transcript.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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