

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Issuance Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Joshua Kidwell.

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request submitted by the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) and issue Joshua Kidwell's one-year provisional occupation-based career and technical education certificate?

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 and, in Section 2, sets the requirements for issuance of the one-year provisional certificate. Specifically, Section 2(2)(b) requires candidates to have "four (4) years" of experience, including "two (2) years of the occupational experience...within the last five (5) years."

Summary: Although OCTE has submitted this waiver request on behalf of Joshua Kidwell for engineering, OCTE states that it "does not recommend approval of the submitted waiver as the applicant does not meet the required experience in 16 KAR 2:020." Mr. Kidwell meets the recency requirement of two (2) years within the last five (5) years; however, the candidate only has twenty-eight months of experience and not the four (4) years required by regulation.

Notwithstanding OCTE's lack of support for this waiver, the candidate does request that the EPSB waive the years of experience requirement and issue the one-year provisional certificate. In support of this waiver, the candidate self-reports that he spent the last year and a half as a physics teacher on an emergency certificate, and this is why he does not have the required four (4) years of experience.

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