

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Recency Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Derek Scott.

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the Office of Career and Technical Education's (OCTE) request to issue Derek Scott'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 the 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 have "four (4) years" of experience, including "two (2) years of the occupational experience...within the last five (5) years."

Summary: The OCTE has submitted this waiver request on behalf of Derek Scott for machine tool. The candidate has multiple years of machine and Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine experience. The industry representatives on the interview committee stated that Mr. Scott showed a lot of machining knowledge. The candidate has also worked as a substitute teacher at the high school level. This position was posted twice with no approved candidates. Mr. Scott has the required four (4) years of experience; however, he does not meet the recency requirement of two (2) years in the past five (5) years. The OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the recency requirement and issue the one-year provisional certificate for the candidate.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

At a Special Meeting on August 17, 2026, the EPSB's Waiver Committee met and reviewed the waiver request submitted by the applicant and found exceptional circumstances to justify the waiver. Therefore, the Waiver Committee recommended that this waiver be placed on the Consent Agenda for approval by the EPSB at its next meeting.

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