

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Renewal Limits for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Michael McCoy

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request submitted by the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) and issue Michael McCoy an additional 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. Section 3 sets the requirements for subsequent renewals of the one-year provisional certificate and states, in paragraph (5), “The one (1) year provisional certificate shall be limited to five (5), one (1) year renewals for a total validity period of six (6) years.”

Summary: Although the OCTE has submitted this waiver request on behalf of Michael McCoy for welding, the OCTE states that it does “not recommend waiver approval due to the candidate having exhausted all five of the 1-year provisional renewals.” Mr. McCoy has served in this role since 2019. The candidate states that, once he realized he had to complete his degree in a certain timeframe, he tried enrolling in the General Occupational/Technical Studies (GOTS) degree program but was told by Elizabethtown Community and Technical College that they “had done away with that degree the year prior.” The candidate reports ECTC instead enrolled him to receive an “associate's in welding” but says the timeline “was not feasible.” Mr. McCoy reports recently contacting ECTC again, learning he needs “11 Classes,” and registering for classes this semester. Notwithstanding OCTE’s lack of support for this waiver, Mr. McCoy does request that the EPSB waive the renewal limit and issue the one-year provisional certificate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

At a Special Meeting on August 17, 2026, the EPSB’s Waiver Committee (Committee) met and reviewed the waiver request submitted, although not recommended for approval, by the OCTE but did not find exceptional circumstances to justify the waiver. Therefore, the Waiver Committee recommended that this waiver be denied by the EPSB at its next meeting.

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