



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities  
Route To: Human Resources Directors, Certification Staff, Teaching Staff  
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## Upcoming Expiration of Temporary Certifications

On June 30, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) adopted a [regulatory modification](#) (“waiver”) which provided certification candidates who applied during the public health emergency flexibility by deferring the completion of certain certification assessment requirements until July 31, 2021. Under this provision, eligible applicants were issued Temporary Certificates of Eligibility (CE) to begin serving in schools and districts. **All Temporary CEs will expire on July 31, 2021.**

Once a Temporary CE holder was employed by a school district, a temporary provisional certificate (Temporary Provisional) was issued. Time spent working under a Temporary Provisional, as well as any requirements completed under a temporary provisional, will count towards the candidate’s overall provisional period and may count toward tenure.

Temporary CE holders who pass the applicable required test(s) will be eligible for the CE or Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS). Instructional candidates with a Temporary CE will have their fees waived for conversion of the Temporary CE to the CE or CEAS if they reapply before their Temporary CE expires on July 31, 2021.

**As per the [rule modification](#), the Temporary CE is not renewable under any circumstance.**

### Key steps/actions

As we approach the expiration of these Temporary certificates, it is imperative that employing districts are aware that Temporary CE holders may only maintain certification and employment eligibility without interruption, if they complete all required certification assessments and reapply for the CE or CEAS by July 31, 2021.

Temporary certificate holders must:

- Take the necessary steps to pass the applicable required test(s) to become eligible for the CE or CEAS; and
- Reapply for the appropriate certificate no later than July 31, 2021.

School districts are advised to:

- Determine which employees hold the Temporary CE and/or Temporary Provisional certificates
- Follow-up with employed Temporary CE and Temporary Provisional holders to ensure they have passed the applicable required test(s) and reapply for the appropriate certificate before their temporary certificates expire on July 31, 2021.

**Contact information**

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