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Limited Certificate of Eligibility and Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing Five-Year Pilot Program Application

On September 24, 2021, Governor Murphy signed S-2826 into law as P.L.2021, c.224 (Chapter 224). Chapter 224 requires the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to establish a five-year pilot program for the issuance of a limited certificate of eligibility (CE) and a limited certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS) in an instructional area for candidates who meet certain requirements. These limited certificates may only be utilized in certain school districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects, (hereinafter referred to as local educational agencies, or LEAs) approved by the Commissioner of Education. For additional information on Chapter 224, please see the NJDOE's overview and proposed regulations, published in the New Jersey Register on March 7, 2022 for a 60-day public comment period.

Today, the NJDOE is releasing the application for LEAs to participate in the pilot program. The application is now available on the NJDOE's <u>Homeroom webpage</u>, entitled "Limited CE and CEAS Five-Year Pilot Application." Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and processed as they are received. LEAs interested in participating in this pilot program must submit the application to the NJDOE via Homeroom. The NJDOE will review applications as expeditiously as possible and provide a response to each applicant via the County Offices of Education within five business days of receipt. The NJDOE will maintain a list of LEAs approved to participate on its website. Forthcoming is additional guidance for LEAs regarding hiring limited CE or CEAS holders, and guidance for potential candidates regarding applying for limited CEs or CEASs.

Contact Information

Questions concerning the limited CE and CEAS Pilot Program can be directed to the Office of Recruitment, Preparation and Certification at licensing.requests@doe.nj.gov. Questions concerning the LEA application and approval process can be directed to the Executive County Superintendent in your county-office-of-Education.

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