

## **Executive Order No. 103 Notices**

### **Education**

#### **The Commissioner**

#### **Notice of Rule Waiver/Modification/Suspension Pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 (2020)**

#### **COVID-19 State of Emergency**

#### **Select Certification Requirements**

**N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-4.3 and 6A:9B-5.6, 5.14, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.8, 9.1, 11.3, 11.12, 12.4, 12.5, 12.8, 14.6, and 14.18**

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Authority: N.J.S.A. App.A:9-45 and App. A:9-47; and Executive Order No. 103 (2020).

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This is an emergency adoption of temporary rule waivers and modifications of select certification requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-4.3 and 6A:9B-5.6, 5.14, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.1, 11.3, 11.12, 12.4, 12.5, 14.6, and 14.18.

To be eligible for an instructional, administrative, or educational services certificate of eligibility (CE) or certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS), candidates must take and pass a series of assessments, including State test(s) of subject matter knowledge and basic skills test(s). Section 6 of EO 103 and Section 1 of EO 117, issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, authorize the Commissioner of Education to waive/suspend/modify any existing rule, where the enforcement of the rule would be detrimental to the public welfare during the emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the

contrary. Pursuant to that authority, and with the approval of the Governor, and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management and the Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Commissioner of Education is waiving and/or modifying Department of Education (Department) rules as follows:

1. For initial certification (CE and CEAS) candidates impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency and related limitations, the Department has created a temporary CE (Temporary CE) that will expire July 31, 2021. These candidates seeking certification have had inequitable test access and/or fewer opportunities in spring 2020 to meet the requirements to demonstrate basic skills or subject matter knowledge on the appropriate State test(s).

The vendor for the State tests of basic skills and subject matter knowledge, Educational Testing Services (ETS), suspended test administration in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 state of emergency. Thus, candidates lost opportunities to take or re-take these tests over a three-month time period.

As of June 1, 2020, the basic skills test as well as some subject matter knowledge tests were made available via online administration but, as of the time of this waiver, some of New Jersey's required tests are still unavailable. State test(s) of subject matter knowledge for some instructional endorsements are tests of oral and written proficiency in English and/or the target language of instruction. The only State-approved tests of oral and written proficiency are the American Council of Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT), which are available online. Other tests, like the basic skills and various subject matter tests, are becoming available online, but candidates may continue to have inequitable access to the

proper quality of technology needed to take these assessments remotely. Additionally, flexibility is necessary as candidates and vendors may experience technological difficulties resulting from the relatively untested new technology systems and technology accessibility and availability will be limited throughout the spring and summer due to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

The Temporary CE allows instructional and administrative candidates who are unable to take the required test(s) prior to entering an educator preparation program or being issued their initial certificate to seek and obtain employment and enter an educator preparation program. This provision defers the date by which the candidate must complete and pass the required test(s). All candidates must pass the tests before a permanent CE or CEAS is issued and for the candidate to maintain eligibility for employment in the instructional endorsement area.

The Temporary CE will expire on July 31, 2021 and any candidate with a Temporary CE who has not passed the required tests and applied for a CE or CEAS will no longer be eligible to teach. In order to become a teacher of record in a New Jersey classroom, candidates with a Temporary CE will still have to seek employment and be hired by a school district, which serves as an additional screening process before candidates can enter a classroom.

Once a Temporary CE holder is employed and upon registration by the employing school district, a temporary provisional certificate (Temporary Provisional) will be issued by the Department. Candidates who pass the required test(s) on or before July 31, 2021 will be issued a permanent CE or CEAS. The time a candidate is employed under the Temporary Provisional will count toward a candidate's total allowable provisional period

pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.5(c). The time served under a Temporary CE or a Temporary Provisional certificate may count towards the acquisition of tenure.

The creation of the Temporary CE and Temporary Provisional will impact:

- a. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.3, which sets forth the requirements for a CE. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.3(g) establishes the time during which Temporary CE candidates must pass the appropriate test(s) of subject matter knowledge and a Commissioner-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills and enter an educator preparation program. The creation of the Temporary CE will allow candidates who meet all other requirements for a CE or CEAS, but are unable to complete and pass the test(s) of subject matter knowledge and/or basic skills during the COVID-19 state of emergency, to begin teaching and/or enroll in an educator preparation program. The candidate must complete and pass the test(s) before the expiration of the Temporary CE in order for a permanent CE or CEAS to be issued and for the candidate to maintain eligibility for employment in the instructional endorsement area. The Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021 and will not be renewable under any circumstance. If the candidate does not complete and pass the tests and the Temporary CE expires, the candidate would then have to complete and pass the tests, re-apply and pay an application fee for the CE or CEAS, whichever is applicable.
- b. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-9.1, which sets forth the requirements for an instructional endorsement. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-9.1(c) provides that candidates who apply for certification during the period of the Public Health Emergency, as extended by the Governor through Executive Order, and who were unable to take or pass the

appropriate State test(s) of subject matter knowledge because of logistical constraints due to COVID-19, but have met all other endorsement requirements, shall be issued a Temporary CE pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.3(g). This provision defers the date by which the candidate must complete and pass the test(s). All candidates must pass the tests before a permanent CE or CEAS is issued and for the candidate to maintain eligibility for employment in the instructional endorsement area.

- c. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.4, which sets forth the requirements for provisional certificate. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.4(c) establishes a Temporary Provisional certificate. Candidates issued a Temporary CE will be eligible for only a Temporary Provisional certificate, which will be held concurrently with the Temporary CE and will expire July 31, 2021.
- d. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.5, which sets forth the requirements for a renewal of a provisional certificate. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.5(d) establishes that no renewals of the Temporary Provisional certificate will be issued under any circumstance.
- e. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.4, which sets forth the requirements for school administrator CE. The Department modifies N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.4(a)4, which requires school administrator candidates to pass a State-approved examination of content knowledge to receive a school administrator CE. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.4(a)4i allows a candidate to apply for a school administrator Temporary CE prior to passing the examination of content knowledge if the candidate has met all other requirements for the school administrator CE. As with the instructional Temporary CE, the school administrator Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021.

New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.4(o) and (p) establish that a candidate issued a school administrator Temporary CE will be eligible for only a school administrator Temporary Provisional that will also expire July 31, 2021. The candidate must pass the examination of content knowledge before the expiration of the school administrator Temporary CE and the school administrator Temporary Provisional for a permanent school administrator CE to be issued and for the candidate to maintain eligibility for employment in the school administrator endorsement area. No renewals of the school administrator Temporary CE or school administrator Temporary Provisional will be issued under any circumstance.

The addition of the school administrator Temporary CE and school administrator Temporary Provisional will allow school administrator candidates who have completed all other requirements for the permanent school administrator CE to be issued a school administrator Temporary CE and school administrator Temporary Provisional and to begin serving as a leader before passing the examination of content knowledge.

- f. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.5, which sets forth the requirements for principal CE. The Department modifies N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.5(a)4, (k)3, (l)3, and (m)2, which require principal candidates to pass a State-approved examination of content knowledge to receive a principal CE. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.5(a)4i, (k)3i, (l)3i and (m)2i allow a candidate to be issued a principal Temporary CE prior to passing the examination of content knowledge if the candidate has met all other

requirements for the principal CE. As with the instructional Temporary CE, the principal Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021.

New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.5(n) and (o) establish that candidates issued a principal Temporary CE will be eligible for only a principal Temporary Provisional that will also expire July 31, 2021. The candidate must complete and pass the examination of content knowledge before the expiration of the principal Temporary CE and the principal Temporary Provisional for a permanent principal CE to be issued and for the candidate to maintain eligibility for employment in the principal endorsement area. No renewals of the principal Temporary CE or principal Temporary Provisional will be issued under any circumstance.

The addition of the principal Temporary CE and principal Temporary Provisional will allow principal candidates who have completed all other requirements for the permanent principal CE to be issued a principal Temporary CE and principal Temporary Provisional and to begin serving as a leader before passing the examination of content knowledge.

- g. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.8, which sets forth the requirements for interstate reciprocity for school administrator and principal CEs. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.8(a)1i allows a candidate to be issued a School Administrator or Principal Temporary CE prior to completing and passing the required subject-matter test if the school administrator or principal candidate holds an out-of-State administrative certificate in an equivalent endorsement area. The school administrator and principal Temporary CEs will expire July 31, 2021. The candidate must complete and pass the required subject-matter test before the expiration of the School

Administrator or Principal Temporary CE for a permanent Principal or School Administrator CE to be issued and for the candidate to maintain eligibility for employment in the endorsement area. The addition of reciprocity for out-of-State school and district leader candidates will allow candidates who have completed all other requirements for the permanent CE to be issued a Temporary CE to begin serving as a leader before passing the examination of content knowledge.

- h. N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.6, which sets forth the fee schedule for certificates, credential evaluations, and administrative fees. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.6(b)13 establishes the fee for each Temporary CE, which includes the issuance of the Temporary Provisional certificate, at \$190.00. The new rule also specifies that the fee(s) for issuance of CE or CEAS subsequent to issuance of a Temporary CE will be waived if the candidate passes the required tests prior to July 31, 2021. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.6(b)14 establishes the fee for each Temporary Charter School Certificate of Eligibility (Temporary CSCE), which includes the issuance of the CSCE Temporary Provisional certificate, at \$190.00. The new rule also specifies that the fee(s) for issuance of a CSCE after issuance of a Temporary CSCE will be waived if the candidate passes the required tests prior to July 31, 2021.
- 2. The Department modifies N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-4.3, which sets forth the requirements for CEAS educator preparation program entry. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-4.3(e) establishes the ability for educator preparation programs to amend program entry requirements to conditionally admit candidates that have met the GPA requirement but have not yet met the basic skills requirement. The educator preparation program will be required to ensure that such candidates meet the basic skills requirement upon exit from the program. This

provision allows educator preparation programs the flexibility necessary to enroll educator candidates while ensuring that conditionally admitted candidates are making progress toward, and still held accountable for, the completion of the basic skills requirement.

3. The Department modifies N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.14(c) to allow candidates for a limited certificate for foreign teachers who meet all requirements except “completion of a Department-approved, nationally recognized test assessing the ability to speak, read, and write the English language fluently” to be issued an emergency certificate. The emergency certificate will expire July 31, 2021, and is not eligible for renewal. All requirements other than passage of the English language proficiency test, including review of the candidate’s transcripts for content coursework and language proficiency, remain in effect. Candidates who fail to complete and pass the test requirements by July 31, 2021, will not be eligible for a limited certificate for foreign teachers.
  
4. The Department modifies N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.8(a)3 to allow candidates who apply for a CEAS during the Period of the Public Health Emergency, as extended by the Governor through Executive Order and who have demonstrated that they have completed at least one section of the Commissioner-approved performance assessment between January 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 to be eligible for a CEAS if all other requirements for the CEAS are met. This provision aligns with an earlier regulatory modification concerning certification assessment requirements for candidates exiting educator preparation programs, which was filed on May 1, 2020. Since the original performance assessment waiver was created, the NJDOE has identified that this group of candidates has also been

unduly harmed by the pandemic in a manner similar to the group identified in the original regulatory waiver of performance assessment.

5. The Department modifies the rules related to the career and technical education (CTE) endorsement at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.3. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.3(a)4i allows candidates whose renewed provisional certificate expires during the Period of the Public Health Emergency, as extended by the Governor through Executive Order, and who have not passed the basic skills test due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and related limitations to be eligible for a maximum of one additional renewal of the provisional certificate beyond the renewal limitations set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.5. The modification will allow CE provisional teachers with an endorsement in CTE to continue teaching for another provisional period of two years even if they were not able to complete the basic skills test(s) during the COVID-19 state of emergency.
6. The Department modifies the rules related to the charter school certificate of eligibility (CSCE) at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.12. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-11.12(e) adjusts the time during which CSCE candidates are required to pass the appropriate test(s) of subject matter knowledge and a Commissioner-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills by creating a Temporary CSCE. The Temporary CSCE will allow candidates who meet all other requirements for a CSCE but are unable to complete the test(s) of subject matter knowledge and/or basic skills during the COVID-19 state of emergency to begin teaching and/or enroll in a charter school educator preparation program. The Temporary CSCE will expire July 31, 2021.

Candidates for the Temporary CSCE will be eligible for only a temporary charter school provisional certificate, which will expire July 31, 2021. The candidate must

complete and pass the required test(s) before the expiration of the Temporary CSCE for a permanent CSCE to be issued and for the candidate to maintain eligibility for employment in a charter school in the instructional endorsement area. No renewals of the Temporary-CSCE will be issued under any circumstance.

7. The Department modifies N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.18(e), which allows an emergency educational interpreter certificate in sign language interpreting to be issued to candidates with a high school diploma who have passed the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a minimum score of three. The rule also allows the emergency certificate to be renewed a total of three times. Pursuant to new N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.18(e)1, a candidate who has the appropriate training and content knowledge related to sign language interpreting set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.18(b)1ii and (b)2ii and applies for certification during the effective dates of EO 103 and EO 117 will be eligible for an emergency certificate prior to completing and passing the EIPA. If a candidate has a temporary emergency certificate under this rule modification and passes the EIPA before July 31, 2021, fees for the issuance of an emergency educational interpreter certificate are waived.
8. The Department modifies the speech-language specialist endorsement rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.6. New N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.6(j) allows candidates for a standard educational services certificate with a speech-language specialist endorsement who apply during the effective dates of EO 103 and EO 117 to be eligible for a second renewal of their provisional certificate if they have not passed the required State-approved test of comprehensive knowledge due to testing limitations created by the COVID-19 state of emergency. This rule modification allows speech-language specialists to continue

working for an additional provisional period of two years. A third renewal will not be granted under any circumstance if the candidate is ineligible for the standard certificate at the end of the additional provisional period.

**Full text** of the modified rule text follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

Chapter 9A, New Jersey Educator Preparation Programs

Subchapter 4. CEAS Educator Preparation Programs

6A:9A-4.3 Admission to CEAS educator preparation programs

(a) – (d) (No change.)

(e) **A candidate who starts a CEAS educator preparation program in academic year 2020-21 may be conditionally admitted to a program if the candidate meets the GPA requirement in (b) above but has not yet met the basic skills requirement in (d) above. Educator preparation programs shall ensure that conditionally admitted candidates who have not met the basic skills requirement in (d) above upon program entry have met the requirement in (d) above upon exit from the program.**

Chapter 9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification

Subchapter 5. General Certification Policies

6A:9B-5.6 Fees

(a) (No change.)

(b) The following nonrefundable fee schedule applies:

1. -10. (No change.)
11. Upon completion of a State-approved administrator residency program, a onetime administrative fee – \$200.00; [and]
12. Upon completion of a Commissioner-approved CE educator preparation program for holders of an instructional CE, a one-time administrative fee – \$100.00[.];
- 13. For each Temporary CE, which includes the issuance of the Temporary Provisional certificate – \$190.00. Fee(s) for issuance of CE or CEAS subsequent to issuance of a Temporary CE shall be waived if the candidate passes the required tests before July 31, 2021; and**
- 14. For each Temporary CSCE, which includes the issuance of the CSCE Temporary Provisional certificate – \$190.00. Fee(s) for issuance of CE or CEAS subsequent to issuance of a Temporary CE shall be waived if the candidate passes the required tests before July 31, 2021.**

(c) – (d) (No change.)

#### 6A:9B-5.14 Limited certificate for foreign teachers

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) To be eligible for the limited certificate for foreign teachers, the school district shall submit on a candidate's behalf evidence of the following:

1. - 6. (No change.)
7. Completion of a Department-approved, nationally recognized test assessing the ability to speak, read, and write the English language fluently.

- i. Candidates who apply for the limited certificate for foreign teachers during the effective period of this subparagraph and who are unable to take and pass the Department-approved, nationally recognized test required at (c)7 above shall be eligible for an emergency certificate if all other applicable certification requirements have been met. The Office will assess the language proficiency required for the emergency certificate by reviewing the candidate’s official transcripts. The emergency certificate shall expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance. Candidates who fail to complete and pass the test requirements by July 31, 2021, will not be eligible for a limited certificate for foreign teachers.**

(d) – (i) (No change.)

#### Subchapter 8. Requirements for Instructional Certification

##### 6A:9B-8.3 Requirements for certificates of eligibility (CE)

(a) – (f) (No change.)

- (g) Candidates who apply for a CE during the effective period of this subsection and who have not taken and passed applicable State test(s) of subject matter knowledge and/or the Commissioner-approved test of basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics because of testing location closures due to the COVID-19 state of emergency shall be eligible for a temporary CE (Temporary CE) if all other requirements under this section are met.**

- 1. The Temporary CE shall expire July 31, 2021.**

- 2. A Temporary CE holder may seek and obtain employment during the period in which the Temporary CE is valid.**
- 3. The Temporary CE shall not be renewed and shall not be used to obtain a standard certificate or a provisional certificate.**
- 4. A Temporary CE holder may apply for a CE after passing the applicable State test(s) of subject matter knowledge and/or the Commissioner-approved test of basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics pursuant to (a) above or N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.2, as applicable.**

6A:9B-8.4 Requirements for the provisional certificate

(a) – (f) (No change.)

**(g) Candidates holding a Temporary CE issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.3(g) who meet all the requirements at (a) above, except (a)1 above, shall be eligible for a temporary provisional certificate (Temporary Provisional). The Temporary Provisional shall expire July 31, 2021. The Temporary Provisional shall not be renewed. The time a candidate is employed under the Temporary Provisional shall count toward a candidate’s total allowable provisional period pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.5(c).**

- 1. Candidates holding a Temporary CE who have already completed an educator preparation program will not be required to be enrolled in a program to be issued a Temporary Provisional.**

6A:9B-8.5 Renewal of the provisional certificate

(a) – (c) (No change.)

**(d) A candidate issued a Temporary CE during the effective period of this subsection shall not be eligible under any circumstance for a renewal of a Temporary Provisional certificate issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.4(g).**

6A:9B-8.8 Requirements for interstate reciprocity for a CEAS, CE, or standard certificate

(a) Through reciprocity, the Office shall issue an instructional CEAS to candidates who:

1.– 2. (No change.)

3. Effective for candidates who begin teaching academic year 2017-2018, passed a performance assessment that is approved by the state in which the certificate was issued, unless the candidate holds National Board for Professional Teacher Standards (NBPTS) or the Meritorious New Teacher Candidate (MNTC) designation.

**i. Candidates who apply for a CEAS during the effective period of this subparagraph and who have demonstrated that they have completed at least one section of the Commissioner-approved performance assessment between January 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020, shall be eligible for a CEAS if all the other requirements under (a) above are met.**

(b) – (g) (No change.)

#### Subchapter 9. Instructional Endorsements

6A:9B-9.1 Endorsement requirements

(a)-(b) (No change.)

- (c) **Candidates who apply for certification during the effective period of this subsection and who did not pass the appropriate State test(s) of subject matter knowledge, but have met all other endorsement requirements, shall be issued a Temporary CE pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.3(g).**

Subchapter 11. Additional Requirements or Exceptions to Requirements for Instructional  
Certification with Special Endorsements

6A:9B-11.3 Career and technical education

- (a) Candidates for the instructional certificate in a career and technical education endorsement shall complete:
1. – 3. (No change.)
  4. Requirements for the renewal of the provisional certificate, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.5, and standard certificate requirements, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.7. Candidates who have not yet completed the Department-approved basic skills assessment or achieved a minimum score on an alternate assessment listed in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.3(a)5 shall complete the basic skills assessment prior to becoming eligible for a standard certificate.
    - i. **Candidates whose renewed provisional certificate expires during the effective period of this subparagraph and who have not taken and passed the basic skills test due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and related limitations shall be eligible for a maximum of one additional renewal of the provisional certificate beyond the renewal limitations set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.5.**

(b) – (f) (No change.)

6A:9B-11.12 Requirements for the charter school certificate of eligibility (CSCE)

(a) - (d) (No change)

**(e) Candidates who apply for a CSCE during the effective period of this subsection and who have not taken and passed applicable State test(s) of subject matter knowledge and/or the Commissioner-approved test of basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics because of testing location closures due to the COVID-19 state of emergency shall be eligible for a temporary CSCE (Temporary CSCE), if all other requirements in this section are met.**

- 1. A Temporary CSCE shall expire July 31, 2021.**
- 2. Temporary CSCE holders will be eligible for only a temporary charter school provisional certificate that will expire July 31, 2021.**
- 3. A Temporary CSCE holder may seek and obtain employment in a charter school during the period in which the Temporary CSCE is valid.**
- 4. The Temporary CSCE shall not be renewed and shall not be used to obtain a standard certificate or a provisional certificate.**
- 5. A Temporary CSCE holder may apply for a CSCE after passing the applicable State test(s) of subject matter knowledge and/or the Commissioner-approved test of basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.**

Subchapter 12. Requirements for Administrative Certification

6A:9B-12.4 School administrator

(a) To be eligible for the school administrator CE, the candidate shall:

1. – 3. (No change.)

4. Pass a State-approved examination of knowledge acquired through study of the topics listed in (a)2 above, aligned with the Professional Standards for School Leaders, and most directly related to the functions of superintendents as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.3(a)[; and].

**i. Candidates who apply for certification during the effective period of this subparagraph and who have not taken and passed a State-approved examination of knowledge shall be eligible for a school administrator Temporary CE if they have met all other requirements for a CE pursuant to (a) above. The school administrator Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance; and**

5. (No change.)

(b) – (n) (No change.)

**(o) To be eligible for a school administrator Temporary Provisional certificate, the candidate shall:**

**1. Hold a school administrator Temporary CE; and**

**2. Obtain and accept an offer of employment in a position requiring the school administrator certificate in a school district that has agreed formally to sponsor the candidate's residency.**

- (p) **The school administrator Temporary Provisional certificate shall expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance.**

6A:9B-12.5 Principal

- (a) To be eligible for the principal CE, the candidate shall:

1. – 3. (No change.)

4. Pass a State-approved examination of knowledge acquired through study of the topics listed in (a)2 above and most directly related to the functions of principals as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.3(b)[; and].

- i. Candidates who apply for certification during the effective period of this subsection shall not be required to pass a State-approved examination of knowledge to obtain a principal Temporary CE if they have met all other requirements for the CE pursuant to (a) above. The principal Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance; and**

5. (No change.)

- (b) – (j) (No change.)

- (k) Each candidate who holds a valid New Jersey or out-of-State supervisor endorsement and a master's degree or higher in a field other than one required in (a)1 above will be eligible for a principal CE by presenting official documentation of the following:

1. – 2. (No change.)

3. Passage of a State-approved examination of knowledge acquired through study aligned with the Professional Standards for School Leaders set forth in N.J.A.C.

6A:9-3.4 and directly related to the functions of principals as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.3(b).

**i. Candidates who apply for certification during the effective period of this subparagraph shall not be required to pass a State-approved examination of knowledge to obtain a principal Temporary CE if they have met all other requirements for the CE. The principal Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance.**

(l) Each candidate who holds a valid New Jersey or out-of-State supervisor endorsement and a master's degree or higher in a field not required in (a)1 above, but has zero to five years' supervisory experience, will be eligible for a principal CE by presenting official documentation of the following:

1. – 2. (No change.)

3. Passage of a State-approved examination of knowledge acquired through study aligned with the Professional Standards for School Leaders set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.4 and directly related to the functions of principals as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.3(b).

**i. Candidates who apply for principal certification during the effective period of this subparagraph shall not be required to pass a State-approved examination of knowledge to obtain a principal Temporary CE if they have met all other requirements for the CE. The principal Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance.**

- (m) Each candidate who can provide documentation of at least five years of successful full-time teaching experience under a valid New Jersey or out-of-State teaching certificate and a master's degree or higher in a field other than one required in (a)1 above will be eligible for a principal CE by presenting official documentation of the following:
1. (No change.)
  2. Passage of a State-approved examination of knowledge acquired through study aligned with the Professional Standards for School Leaders set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.4 and directly related to the functions of principals as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.3(b).
    - i. **Candidates who apply for certification during the effective period of this subparagraph shall not be required to pass a State-approved examination of knowledge to obtain a principal Temporary CE if they have met all other requirements for the CE. The principal Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance.**
- (n) **To be eligible for a principal Temporary Provisional certificate, the candidate shall:**
1. **Hold a principal Temporary CE; and**
  2. **Obtain and accept an offer of employment in a position requiring the principal certificate in a school district that has agreed formally to sponsor the candidate's residency.**
- (o) **The principal Temporary Provisional certificate shall expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance.**

6A:9B-12.8 Requirements for interstate reciprocity

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, any applicant for administrative certification who presents a valid administrative certificate issued by any other state shall be issued, upon payment of the appropriate fee, a New Jersey administrative CE for the equivalent New Jersey endorsement(s) for school administrator, principal, or school business administrator, or shall be issued the equivalent New Jersey standard supervisor endorsement. If there is no equivalent current New Jersey endorsement, then the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-12.1 through 12.7 shall apply to the candidate. There is one limitation to this rule:

1. If New Jersey has an equivalent endorsement with required subject-matter test for the applicant's endorsement, the applicant shall have passed a state subject-matter test to receive his or her out-of-State endorsement or else must pass the appropriate New Jersey subject-matter test. This limitation shall not apply if the applicant has five years of experience in good standing under the out-of-State certificate. Experience in good standing shall be documented by a letter of experience from the applicant's supervisor or authorized school district representative.

**i. Candidates who apply for certification during the effective period of this subparagraph shall not be required to pass the required subject matter test to obtain a principal or school administrator Temporary CE if they have met all other requirements for the CE. The Temporary CE will expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance.**

Subchapter 14. Requirements for Educational Services Certification

6A:9B-14.6 Speech-language specialist

(a) - (i) (No change.)

- (j) Candidates who apply for standard certification during the effective period of this subsection, and who meet the requirements of (b)1 above, but are unable to take and pass a State-approved test of comprehensive knowledge in the field of speech language pathology due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and related limitations shall be eligible for one additional renewal of the provisional certificate, notwithstanding the requirements at (g) above.**

6A:9B-14.18 Educational interpreter

(a) –(d) (No change.)

- (e) An emergency educational interpreter certificate in sign language interpreting may be issued to a candidate with a high school diploma or GED and who has completed the EIPA with a minimum score of three. The emergency certificate may be renewed a total of three times.

- 1. Candidates who apply for an emergency educational interpreter certificate in sign language interpreting endorsement during the effective period of this paragraph shall be eligible for the emergency certificate prior to completing the EIPA, if the candidate meets the requirements at either (b)1ii or (b)2ii above. Emergency certificates issued under this paragraph will expire July 31, 2021, and shall not be renewed under any circumstance. Fee(s) for issuance of an emergency educational interpreter certificate subsequent to**

**issuance of an emergency certificate under this rule is waived if the candidate passes the EIPA before July 31, 2021.**

(f) - (g) (No change.)