

Public Notice

Education

State Board of Education

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

State Board of Examiners and Certification

Limited CE or CEAS in Instructional Area Requirements

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8A.3

Petitioner: Jeremiah Price-Williams.

Take notice that on October 17, 2024, the State Board of Education (State Board) received a petition for rulemaking from the above petitioner, requesting the State Board amend, repeal, and create regulations related to the Commissioner-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematical skills.

N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.1(b) and 6A:6-4.1(b) require a petition for rulemaking to state the substance or nature of the rulemaking that is requested, the reasons for the request and the petitioner's interest in the request, and references to the authority of the agency to take the requested action.

The petitioner seeks to amend, repeal, and create regulations regarding the Commissioner-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematical skills, and provided the text of the rule regarding the limited certificate of eligibility (CE) at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8A.3(b)3, but did not specify which regulations at Title 6A of the New Jersey Administrative Code should be amended, repealed, or created. The petitioner's request questions why the five percent margin of error for the Praxis passing score when a candidate's grade point average (GPA) is 3.5 or higher applies to only a select few tests and not the Commissioner-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematical skills (Praxis CORE).

The petitioner states that the Department of Education (Department) should accept a score on the Praxis CORE that is within five percent error if the candidate's GPA is 3.5 or higher.

The request indicates that the petitioner passed the Praxis CORE in mathematics and the SAT in reading and writing with a score in the 55th percentile nationally but contends that the Department said only the user percentile counts and, therefore, discredited the petitioner's passing score. The request also indicates that the petitioner later took the reading and writing portions and passed the reading but missed the writing passing score by six points because the petitioner ran out of time on the last essay. The request further indicates that the petitioner's GPA is 3.5 and the petitioner would be issued a limited CE if the five percent margin would count toward the Praxis CORE without having to wait 28 days to retake the test.

The petitioner's request provided the rule at N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8A.3(b)3 as the reference to the agency's authority to take the requested action.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the Department shall subsequently mail to the petitioner, and file with the Office of Administrative Law, a notice of action on the petition.