

Education

State Board of Education

State Board of Examiners and Certification

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.15 and 11.10

Proposed: January 21, 2020, at 52 N.J.R. 98(a).

Adopted: May 6, 2020, by the New Jersey State Board of Education, Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D., Commissioner, Department of Education, and Secretary, State Board of Education.

Filed: May 6, 2020, as R.2020 d.060, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15, 18A:6-38, and 18A:26-2.3.

Effective Date: June 1, 2020.

Expiration Dates: November 12, 2022.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The following is a summary of the comments received from members of the public and the State Board of Education's (State Board) responses. Each commenter is identified at the end of the comment by a number that corresponds to the following list:

1. Sara Palumbo, Aquatics Director, Neptune School District
2. Leslie Donovan, President and CEO, Starfish Aquatics Institute

1. COMMENT: The commenters requested that the State Board approve a fourth option for the issuer of the Water Safety Instructor Certificate. The commenters specifically requested that the State Board approve the Starfish Aquatics Institute as a fourth issuer.
(1 and 2)

RESPONSE: The State Board cannot consider this request upon adoption because it would be considered a substantive change to the amendment that would require the State

Board to consult with the Department of Health as to whether the Starfish Aquatics Institute would be an acceptable issuer of the Water Safety Instructor Certificate. Therefore, the commenters would need to submit to the State Board a [petition for rulemaking](#) demonstrating how the Starfish Aquatics Institute's program that leads to the Water Safety Instructor Certificate meets or exceeds the programs of the approved issuers.

Federal Standards Statement

There are no Federal requirements that impact the adopted amendments.

Full text of the adoption follows:

TEXT