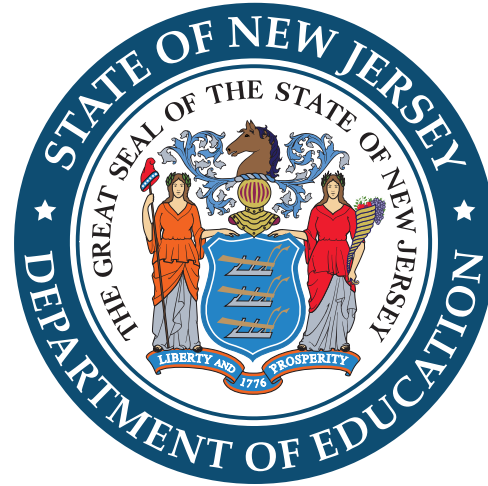




N.J.A.C. 6A:9B, State Board of Examiners and Certification Proposed Amendments to Military Science Endorsement

Division of Teaching and Learning Services

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Background

From Petition to Regulatory Amendments

Existing Requirement

- 20 years of military service required
- Limited eligibility to retired service members

Rulemaking Petition

- Federal law expanded Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corp eligibility
- NJ regulations no longer aligned
- Restricted candidate pool

Proposed Amendments

- Eliminate 20-year service requirement
- Accept certification or eligibility letter from applicable U.S. military branch



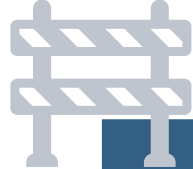
Rationale for Amendment

Alignment and Reducing Barriers



Align to Federal Policy

- FY2023/FY2024 federal law expands eligibility beyond retirees
- Current N.J. requirement is more restrictive than federal standards



Reduce Barriers

- 20-year requirement is primary reason for denials since 2022
- Military branches already certify instructors



Expand Access

- Broadens candidate pool
- Supports staffing in small/rural districts
- Promotes access to programs



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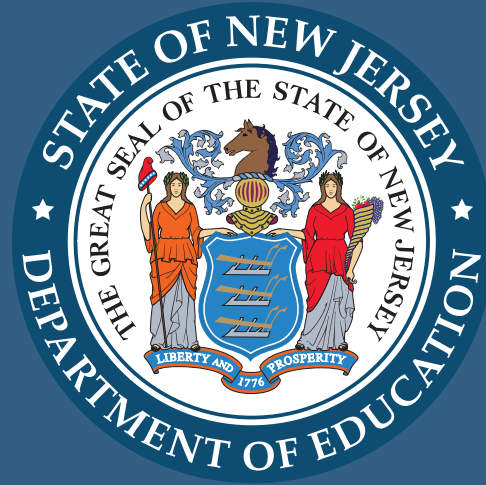
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