

**EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET**  
**Education Professional Standards Board**  
**(Amendment)**

**16 KAR 4:030. Out-of-state educator preparation.**

RELATES TO: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030, 161.124, 161.126, 161.135

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.020 and 161.030 require that a teacher and other professional school personnel hold a certificate of legal qualifications for the respective position to be issued upon completion of a program of preparation prescribed by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). KRS 161.028 requires the EPSB to establish the standards for obtaining and maintaining a teaching certificate. This administrative regulation establishes the certification provisions for applicants with out-of-state educator preparation who do not qualify for the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.

Section 1. Definition. "Out-of-state educator preparation provider" means an educator preparation provider located outside of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or an online educator preparation provider not subject to the licensing requirements of 13 KAR 1:020 that is not accredited by the EPSB.

Section 2.

(1) An applicant for Kentucky teacher or administrative certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider, excluding providers that are solely online, shall have completed a program of preparation and the curriculum requirements approved by the responsible state education agency for teacher or administrative certification.

(2) An applicant for Kentucky teacher or administrative certification who completes an out-of-state educator preparation program through a solely online out-of-state educator preparation provider shall have:

(a) Completed a program of preparation that is:

1. Accredited or approved, as applicable, by the provider's state of origin;
2. Regionally or nationally accredited; and
3. Accredited by an educator preparation accreditor approved by the EPSB; and

(b) The curriculum requirements approved by the responsible state education agency for teacher or administrative certification.

Section 3. Teacher Certification.

(1) An applicant for Kentucky teacher certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider shall:

(a) Meet the degree, academic preparation, and grade point average requirements for issuance of the teacher license or certificate equivalent to the Kentucky statement of eligibility from the state, territory, or province where the applicant completed his or her preparation program;

(b) Satisfy the degree, academic preparation, and grade point average requirements established in 16 KAR 2:010;

(c) Provide evidence that the out-of-state license or certificate required completion of an approved educator preparation program and not based on the completion of a written or verbal assessment; and

(d) Follow the procedures for certificate application established in 16 KAR 2:010.

(2) An applicant for Kentucky teacher certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider and who meets the

requirements of Section 2 of this administrative regulation and subsection (1) of this section shall be issued a Kentucky teaching certificate or statement of eligibility established in 16 KAR 2:010 at the grade range and content area corresponding to the out-of-state preparation.

#### Section 4. Administrative Certification.

(1) An applicant for Kentucky administrative certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider shall:

(a) Meet the degree, academic preparation, and grade point average requirements for issuance of the administrative license or certificate equivalent to the Kentucky corresponding statement of eligibility or administrative certificate from the state, territory, or province where the applicant completed his or her preparation program;

(b) Satisfy the degree, academic preparation, and grade point average requirements for the administrative certificate established in 16 KAR Chapter 3;

(c) Provide evidence that the out-of-state license or certificate required completion of an approved educator preparation program consisting of a minimum of thirty (30) post Masters' graduate-level hours in school administration; and

(d) Follow the procedures for certificate application established in 16 KAR Chapter 3.

(2) An applicant for Kentucky administrative certification whose professional preparation was completed at an out-of-state educator preparation provider and who meets the requirements of Section 2 of this administrative regulation and subsection (1) of this section shall be issued a Kentucky administrative certificate or statement of eligibility established in 16 KAR Chapter 3 corresponding to the out-of-state preparation.

(3) An applicant for Kentucky principal certification who was admitted to a principal preparation program located outside the Commonwealth of Kentucky prior to January 1, 2012 and who completes the program prior to January 31, 2014 shall be exempt from subsection (1)(c) of this section.

#### Section 5.

(1) An out-of-state applicant shall be subject to the testing and internship requirements of KRS Chapter 161 and the corresponding administrative regulations of the EPSB in KAR Title 16.

(2) An out-of-state applicant shall be subject to the certificate issuance, recency, reissuance, renewal, and rank change provisions of KRS Chapter 161 and KAR Title 16.

(26 Ky.R. 2124; 27 Ky.R. 405; eff. 8-14-2000; Recodified from 704 KAR 20:740; 7-2-2002; 30 Ky.R. 2319; 31 Ky.R. 22; eff. 8-6-2004; 48 Ky.R. 1213, 2019; eff. 4-5-2022; 50 Ky.R. 1557, 2004; eff. 7-2-2024.)

*JUSTIN MITCHELL, Board Chair*

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PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this proposed administrative regulation shall be held on April 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the State Board Room, Fifth Floor, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being heard at this meeting shall notify this agency in writing five working days prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through April 30, 2024. Send written notification of intent to be

heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to:

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