

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET
Education Professional Standards Board
(New Administrative Regulation)

16 KAR 2:240. Interim certificate.

RELATES TO: KRS 161.020

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: HB 319 RS 2023

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.020(1) requires educators to hold a certificate of legal qualifications for the position, issued by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). Section 8 of HB 319 RS 2023 creates an interim certificate and authorizes the EPSB to promulgate administrative regulations to issue the interim certificate.

Section 1. Interim Certificate.

(1) A candidate shall be eligible for issuance of the one-year interim certificate upon application to the EPSB, compliance with 16 KAR 2:010, Section 3(1), and submission of the following documentation:

- (a) A bachelor's degree or higher as evidenced by an official transcript from a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- (b) Confirmation from an employer of a minimum of four (4) years of work experience in the area in which certification is being sought; and
- (c) An offer of employment in a Kentucky school district in the area in which certification is being sought.

(2) An applicant for certification in the area of career and technical education may substitute an additional four (4) years of work experience in the area in which certification is being sought to meet the requirements of subsection (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Work experience shall be considered in the area of certification if it includes the content taught by the certificate.

(4) The interim certificate shall be issued for the certification area that aligns with the applicant's work experience and job offer.

(5) The interim certificate shall be issued at the rank corresponding to the degree held by the teacher applicant in accordance with the requirements established in KRS 161.1211 and 16 KAR Chapter 8.

(6) An interim certificate shall not be valid after June 30, 2026.

Section 2. Renewal of the Interim Certificate.

(1) A candidate shall be eligible for renewal of the one-year interim certificate upon application to the EPSB, compliance with 16 KAR 2:010, Section 3(1), and evidence of employment in a Kentucky school district in the content area or areas indicated on the initial certificate.

(2) The interim certificate may be renewed a maximum of two (2) times.

(3) The interim certificate shall not be renewed after June 30, 2026.

JUSTIN MITCHELL, Board Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: June 21, 2023

FILED WITH LRC: June 28, 2023 at 4 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this proposed administrative regulation shall be held on September 25, 2023, 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 September 30, 2023. 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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