



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools
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Executive Directors of Regional Educational Service Centers
Directors of Approved Private Special Education Programs

FROM: Dr. Shuana K. Tucker, Chief Talent Officer

DATE: March 26, 2020

SUBJECT: Temporary Extension of Educator Certificates and Coaching Permits

In accordance with Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7C, I am writing to provide guidance regarding the extension of educator certificates and coaching permits for educators whose ability to meet statutory and regulatory requirements may be impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective immediately, the Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification will extend the expiration date of *all Initial and Provisional Certificates (including Interim) and 5-Year Coaching Permits with expiration dates between 3/15/20 and 12/31/20 for 1-year from the date of original expiration.*

This extension does not apply to permits and/or authorizations such as 90-Day Certificates, Long Term Substitute Authorizations, Durational Shortage Area Permits (DSAP), Charter School Educator Permits and Emergency Coaching Permits, nor does it apply to Resident Educator Certificates. Educators currently serving under any of the aforementioned permits/authorizations will be able to seek renewal at the time of expiration in accordance with existing policy and procedures.

Educators may continue to renew Professional Educator Certificates online or by mail at no cost to the applicant, in accordance with existing policy and procedures. Additionally, 5-Year Coaching Permit holders are reminded it is their professional responsibility to maintain current First Aid and CPR certifications.

Over the coming weeks, the Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification will automatically update new expiration dates within the Connecticut Educator Certification System (CECS) and will print and mail new certificates to those educators impacted by the change.

Please contact Ms. Julianne Frost, at Julianne.Frost@ct.gov or 860-713-6724, with any questions.

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