



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Deans, Directors and Certification Officers of Educator Preparation Provider Programs

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SUBJECT: Update: Temporary Expansion of Three-Year Nonrenewable Interim Certificate Eligibility

On April 15, 2020, in accordance with Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7X, the Commissioner of Education expanded eligibility for Connecticut's Three-Year Nonrenewable Interim Certificate authorized by Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-145f (c) to candidates enrolled in Connecticut Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) programs, whose ability to successfully meet certification and licensure assessment requirements have been impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic by the closing of testing centers.

As testing centers have re-opened across the state and at-home testing solutions have been developed and continue to expand, the Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification is establishing a sunset date for this flexibility.

Effective January 9, 2021, the Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification will end the temporarily extended eligibility for a Three-Year Nonrenewable Interim Certificate to educators enrolled in Connecticut educator preparation programs. All Connecticut program candidates seeking a Three-Year Nonrenewable Interim Certificate must have an application on file in the Connecticut Educator Certification System (CECS) and have completed all components of an in-state teacher preparation program except for licensure assessments prior to January 9, 2021. This applies both to state-approved programs at Connecticut colleges and universities, and to alternate routes to certification approved by the State Board of Education.

Candidates are encouraged to work directly with their EPP to determine eligibility for the Three-Year Nonrenewable Interim Certificate, and to complete the necessary paperwork for submission prior to January 9, 2021.

Please contact Dr. Katie Moirs, at Katie.Moirs@ct.gov or 860-713-6733, with any questions.

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