

## SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

### **ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING LICENSURE**

Amendment to existing rule.

Act 628 of 2019, which allows the State Board of Education to reinstate a revoked educator's license under certain circumstances, requires the State Board of Education to promulgate rules setting forth the criteria for reinstatement. Act 540 of 2019 removes the pedagogy assessment requirement for standard educator licensure. It is replaced with a pedagogy demonstration requirement as part of program requirements. Act 83 of 2019 expands the requirements to other teachers engaged in literacy instruction and their prep programs.

#### **Educator Licensure Rules Updates**

**Table of Contents Page:** Change was made from "Undergraduate Programs" to Institute of Higher Education to clarify that included other programs such as graduate programs.

Reinstatement of a Revoked License: This section is added to incorporate ACT 628 of 2019.

#### **Chapter 1**

1-1.05 This was removed for clarification and since it is after January 1, 2019.

1-2.18 Clinical Experiences-Added for clarification from the prior definition of field clinical experiences. The definition is to help clarify what can be classified as "Clinical Experience".

1-2-19 Clinical Internship-To clarify what is defined as the "Clinical Internship". (Usually thought of what is considered student teaching.)

1-2.29 Educator preparation program completer-To clear up confusion of when someone is considered to have completed an educator preparation program.

1-2.41 Micro-credential-Not in law but wanted a definition to clarify as they are referenced throughout the rules.

1-2.45 Preservice teacher-Definition added for clarity and taken from Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(j) (1)

1-2.46 Primary Partnership-needed to be defined for administrator's license and has been in previous rules. The Division used to call primary partnerships and secondary partnerships formal and informal. The formal being the primary partnership and informal the secondary partnership.

1-2.52 Secondary Partnership: same as above.

1-2.59 State-Recognized Partnership: same as above.

## **Chapter 2**

The Division will be putting designation on the license so we added “designation” as not to confuse it with an endorsement. Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-402(2)(c)(1)

## **Chapter 3**

3-1.03.1.2 Included for Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-429

3-1.03.1.7- Not in law but Educator Preparation Programs wanted it added for preservice teachers

3-1.03.3-Not in law but is to clarify that educator preparation programs partner with schools to provide clinical experiences with schools. The Primary Partnership will be schools an Educator Preparation Program can partner with. The Secondary Partnership is for the schools outside of the Primary Partnership.

3-1.03.4.1.1 Clarification.

3-1.05 To clarify preservice teacher must get a background check. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410 (a)(1) (A) (i).

3-2.01.1 Clarification

3-4.02.2 Clarification. Ensure that the programs are working with Districts and that it is a mutual beneficial relationship.

## **Chapter 4**

4-1.01.4.4 Dyslexia clarify that they had to do one hour. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-41-608

4-5.01.4 This change was to include accredited private school to allow more options.

4-5.01.8.1 Clarify because not all universities call the class SPED 101

4-8.01.3.1 Waive the TOEFL for out of country applicants if they have completed master’s degree at an accredited college or university in the United States.

4-9.03.4 Adds Library Media it as an ancillary license.

4-10-02.4 Clarification that someone who completed a program more than 10 years ago would have to meet current requirements.

4-11.03.3 Give more options for Master Professional Educator Designation.

4-11.02.3.3.3-Further clarifies what would be required for micro credentials.

## Chapter 5

5-2.02.3.1.2-This section clarifies that an educator has to complete 36 hours of Professional Development or the amount needed if they are short the 36 hours.

5-2.03 Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-429 and Act 83 of 2019

5-4. Reinstatement of a revoked license. Act 62 of 2019.

5-6.02 Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-1004(a) (1) Clarified that an educator would have to complete four things in order to get a license absent an approved exam. Those four things being a score within minus two (-2) standard error of measurement (SEM) of the State approved score content area exam, a DESE approved stacked micro-credential, have three years of relevant teaching experience in their content area, and meet the definition of effective teacher under the rules. It would also have to be approved by State Board. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1004(a)(1) allows the State Board to promulgate rules on which assessments to use and Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1004(a)(2) allows other methods when there is no assessment. This section allows the State Board to determine and accept what an identified assessment may be in certain circumstances.

## Chapter 6

No changes except for grammatical or changing ADE to DESE.

## Chapter 7

7-2.02.2 Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-402. Wanting to clarify who qualifies for Emergency Teaching Permit.

7-6.05- Clarify that long term substitutes complete background checks.

### CHANGES MADE AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT

Deleted “and is eligible to be recommended for a license.” from 1-2.29 Educator Preparation Program Completer from rules to be in line with Title II definition.

Added “if under 62” for clarification. 4-45.02.2 Documentation from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System of retirement under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 24-7-701, 24-7-702, or 24-7-704 if under 62; and

4-3.04 The Department Division may recommend to the State Board that a person’s Arkansas Standard License issued by reciprocity be revoked, suspended, surrendered or placed on probation if the out-of-state license is revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, as applicable, by the issuing state for any reason that a Standard License may be revoked, suspended, or placed on probation in Arkansas.

Added surrendered for clarity

4-56.01.4 An offer of employment in a position as a teacher of record at an educational entity or accredited private school in Arkansas teaching a minimum of three (3) hours per day in the appropriate licensure area(s);

4-9 Added, “that includes 60 hours of graduate level coursework in the area, from an accredited state approved college or university” to clarify what is required. The universities in Arkansas that offer a School Psychology program are in line with the National Association of School Psychologists. Therefore, this addition will be in line with what those universities are requiring.

Added accredited private school in Arkansas for clarity.

~~4-11~~13.01 ~~Effective on January 1, 2019~~, an applicant holding an Arkansas Early Career Professional Educator ~~license~~ Designation in good standing may apply for the designation of Career Professional Educator by completing the appropriate online application, ~~including the non-refundable application fee (unless simultaneously applying to convert a provisional license to a standard license or for renewal of a standard license)~~, and providing the following with the online application:

~~Deleted, “including the non-refundable application fee (unless simultaneously applying to convert a provisional license to a standard license or for renewal of a standard license),”~~

5-2.05.1 “A standard Arkansas educator’s license will be renewed with a Career, Lead or Master Professional Educator designation upon application.” For clarification.

5-06-02 Clarified that an educator would have to complete four things in order to get a license absent an approved exam. Those four things being a score within minus two (-2) standard error of measurement (SEM) of the State approved score content area exam, a DESE approved stacked micro-credential, have three years of relevant teaching experience in their content area, and meet the definition of effective teacher under the rules. It would also have to be approved by State Board. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1004(a)(1) allows the State Board to promulgate rules on which assessments to use and Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1004(a)(2) allows other methods when there is no assessment. This section allows the State Board to determine and accept what an identified assessment may be in certain circumstances.

5-6.06 The Division shall grant active duty service members, returning military veterans, and their spouses automatic licensure pursuant to Act 820 of 2019.

6-1.01.4 Documentation of at least three (3) years of P-12 experience as an educator. ~~who holds a valid Standard License (not including an Ancillary License)~~. Deleted: who

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