

## EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

## Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 13, "Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

In 2010, new elementary endorsement requirements were adopted. Highly qualified teacher (HQT) language from the current endorsement rule was inadvertently omitted. This amendment is adopted so that when the current rule sunsets on September 1, 2015, there will be a mechanism to address out-of-state applicants who need to verify HQT status for licensure in Iowa.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 25, 2012, as **ARC 0236C**. A public hearing on the amendment was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012. No one attended the public hearing, and no written comments were received. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)"a."

This amendment will become effective December 19, 2012.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 13.26(5) as follows:

**13.26(5) Teacher—elementary classroom.** Effective September 1, 2015, the following requirements apply to persons who wish to teach in the elementary classroom:

*a. Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in kindergarten and grades one through six.

*b. Program requirements.*

(1) Degree—baccalaureate, and

(2) Completion of an approved human relations component, and

(3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).

(4) Highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. Applicants from non-Iowa institutions who have completed the requirements for this endorsement must verify their HQT status. The board shall determine the test and the minimum passing score for HQT status. Verification must be provided through one of the following:

1. Written verification from the department of education in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

2. Written verification from the department of education in the state where the applicant is currently teaching that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

3. Submission of the official test score report indicating the applicant has met the qualifying score for licensure in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program; or

4. Verification that the applicant has obtained the qualifying score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment in June 2006 of the federal highly qualified teacher provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This option may also be utilized by applicants from outside the United States.

5. For applicants who have completed the requirements for one of the Iowa elementary endorsements, verification of HQT status by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment in June 2006 of the federal highly qualified teacher provisions of IDEA. This option may also be utilized by applicants who have been teaching outside the United States.

*c.* No change.

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