

CHAPTER 21  
CONVERSION INFORMATION  
[Prior to 1/14/09, see Educational Examiners Board[282] Ch 18]

**282—21.1(272) Classes of certificates.**

**21.1(1) *Permanent professional certificates.*** Effective October 1, 1988, the permanent professional certificate will no longer be issued. Any permanent professional certificate issued prior to October 1, 1988, will continue in force with the endorsements and approvals appearing thereon, unless revoked or suspended for cause. If a permanent professional certificate is revoked, and, if the holder is able at a later date to overcome or remediate the reasons for the revocation, the holder may apply for the appropriate new class of license set forth in 282—Chapter 13.

**21.1(2) *Professional certificate.*** Effective October 1, 1988, the professional certificate valid for a ten-year term will no longer be issued.

*a. Conversion of the professional certificate.* All professional certificates issued prior to October 1, 1988, will be converted to the appropriate license based on current renewal requirements as stipulated in rule 282—20.5(272). Endorsement(s) and approval(s) on the certificate will be converted to the current, appropriate endorsement as set forth in 282—Chapter 13.

*b. Preprofessional certificate.* The preprofessional certificate will continue in effect until October 1, 1992, and will be valid for a six-year term. On that date, this class of certificate will be eliminated. This class of certificate is not available as an original certificate to new applicants; it is available to applicants who previously held Iowa certificates based on less than a bachelor's degree and who now meet current renewal requirements.

*c. Renewal requirements for the preprofessional certificate.* Twelve units are needed for renewal. Units may be earned in the following manner:

(1) One renewal unit may be earned for each 160 days of teaching experience during the term of the certificate. A maximum of three renewal units may be earned in this manner.

(2) One renewal unit may be earned for each semester hour of credit completed which advances one toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree and requirements for an educational license. All credits must be verified by a registrar at the institution showing that the credits earned apply toward that institution's requirements for the awarding of the baccalaureate degree and requirements for an educational license.

**21.1(3) *Preprofessional certificate with a vocational endorsement.*** Any preprofessional certificates with vocational endorsement(s) will be converted to the appropriate occupational license. See 282—Chapter 17.

**21.1(4) *Provisional license.*** Effective August 31, 2001, the provisional license will no longer be issued. All provisional licenses issued prior to August 31, 2001, will be converted to the appropriate license based on current renewal requirements as stipulated in rule 282—20.4(272). Endorsement(s) on the license will be converted to the current, appropriate endorsement(s).

**21.1(5) *Educational license.*** Effective August 31, 2001, the educational license will no longer be issued. All educational licenses issued prior to August 31, 2001, will be converted to the appropriate license based on current renewal requirements as stipulated in rule 282—20.5(272). Endorsement(s) on the license will be converted to the current, appropriate endorsement(s).

**21.1(6) *Professional teacher's license.*** Effective August 31, 2001, the professional teacher's license will no longer be issued. All professional teacher's licenses issued prior to August 31, 2001, will be converted to the appropriate license based on current renewal requirements as stipulated in rule 282—20.6(272). Endorsement(s) on the license will be converted to the current, appropriate endorsement(s).

**282—21.2(272) Conversion and renewal of life certificates.**

**21.2(1) *Life certificates in force.*** All life certificates issued prior to June 30, 1985, remain in force only as long as the holder permits no five-year period to pass in which the holder has not been employed in school work for at least 160 days in administration, supervision, or teaching.

**21.2(2)** *Conversion of life certificates.* A lapsed life certificate based on a degree is not renewed as another life certificate, but as a standard license.

**21.2(3)** *Renewal requirements for a lapsed life certificate based on a degree.* A life certificate which has lapsed may be converted to the standard license when the current renewal requirements as stipulated in rule 282—20.5(272) are met.

**21.2(4)** *Conversion of a life certificate based on less than a degree.* A lapsed life certificate based on less than a degree is not renewed as another life certificate, but as a preprofessional certificate. After October 1, 1992, the holder of a lapsed life certificate based on less than a degree must meet the requirements for the standard license in order to convert the certificate.

**282—21.3(272) Conversion of term certificates issued prior to July 1, 1954.**

**21.3(1)** *Term certificate based on a degree.* All term certificates (those certificates issued for a term or number of years) based on a bachelor's degree issued prior to July 1, 1954, will be converted to the standard license based on the current renewal requirements as stipulated in rule 282—20.5(272).

**21.3(2)** *Term certificates based on less than a degree.* All term certificates based on less than a degree which were issued prior to July 1, 1954, shall be converted to a preprofessional certificate based on current renewal requirements as stipulated in rule 282—20.5(272). The authorization(s) appearing on the previously held Iowa term certificate will be converted to the appropriate endorsements. However, on or after October 1, 1992, holders of term certificates based on less than a degree must meet the requirements for the standard license in order to convert the certificate.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

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