



TO: NEBRASKA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS/PERSONNEL DIRECTORS/CHIEF ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: Dr. Kevin Peters, Director of Teacher Certification

The letter has two purposes:

1. *To provide you with a list of certified personnel who have a certificate that will expire August 31, 2016*
2. *To acquaint you with the new Rule 21 signed on September 15, 2015.*

RULE 21 CHANGES – EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

- *The term certificate will apply to Initial, Standard and Professional regular certificates. Other options in the past designated as certificate will now be permits.*
- *Imposes a 2 year time limit to Provisional Teaching Permit, Provisional Administrative Permit and the new Alternative Program Teaching Permit for the candidate to complete ALL deficiencies, found on the CRC form, before receiving a regular Nebraska certificate. These Permits are not renewable.*
- *The Alternative Teaching Permit may be issued to applicants who have 50% of the educational program, 75% of the content, a BA, **an offer of employment from a Nebraska system** and a signed form listing remaining deficiencies to be completed for a regular Nebraska certificate. OR applicants with a completed BA, an alternative certification pathway, **an offer for employment from a Nebraska system**, teaching employment and certification in another state and an approved plan for addressing deficiencies. (New Alternative Program Teaching Permit form). The permit is for two years and is not renewable.*
- *Career Education Teaching Permit term is reduced to three years and is used only for those district hired Career Education teachers teaching high school courses. A new form, School System Verification for a Career Education Permit, is found on the website.*
- *The new Postsecondary Teaching Permit, formally Dual Credit Certificate, allows for a person to teach Dual Credit courses to high school students in all teaching fields for three years. A person's eligibility will now be determined by the postsecondary institution's faculty qualifications in compliance with the requirements of the Higher Learning Commission. An Employment*

Verification for a Postsecondary Permit will be completed by the postsecondary institution listing courses the person will be teaching for dual credit.

- *Special Service Coaching is now a 5 year Permit. Used for Varsity and Assistant Varsity coaches who do not hold a current Nebraska regular teaching certificate.*
- *Provisional Special Education endorsement now requires that a person has six hours to be eligible to set up a program to complete for the regular Special Education endorsement. The person will now need to renew the Provisional SPED endorsement yearly by completion of nine course hours. After they have completed 50% of the endorsement hours, they have the option to moving to a regular Provisional endorsement.*
- *Provisional endorsements are given after the person has completed 50% or more of the course hours needed for a regular endorsement. The endorsement is given for three years and is not renewable.*
- *Recent changes to endorsements (name, level changes, and new or discontinued) can be found at: http://www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/ResourceDocs/Rule_24Changes090215.pdf.*

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