

OFFICE OF QUALITY EDUCATORS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
April 19-20, 2007

EDUCATOR LICENSURE

01. Approval of the Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (cleared APA)

On January 5, 2007 the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development approved the recommendation from the Office of Educator Licensure and the Office of Vocational Education for the Postsecondary Interim Vocational License.

Rationale:

The Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate is issued for the sole purpose of meeting the immediate needs of the Postsecondary Vocational Institutions of Higher Education that provide instructional services to students at the secondary level and Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education entities. Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education entities are those educational settings that are under the authority of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the Mississippi Job Corp Centers providing vocational education instructional services to local school districts.

The Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate is valid for three-years from the date of issuance and may only be used while employed by the requesting Postsecondary Vocational Institution of Higher Education that provide instructional services to students at the secondary level or Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education entity. The Postsecondary Vocational Institution of Higher Education/Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education entity requesting the Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate is required to send an official written notice to the Office of Educator Licensure when an educator holding the aforementioned permit is no longer employed by the requesting organization. The Three-Year Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate is only valid while employed by the requesting organization.

The Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate must be requested by the college president/dean of education/designee by submitting the following documents to the Office of Educator Licensure:

1. Official Letter of Request from Vocational Institution of Higher Education/Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education
2. The Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate Licensure Application
3. Sealed Transcripts indicating educational attainment (High School Diploma, Associates, Bachelor's, Master's, Educational Specialist, or Doctoral Degree)

The Postsecondary Vocational Institutions of Higher Education/Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education settings must inform the Office of Educator Licensure of any changes in the originally authorized college president/dean of education/designee's change in status of eligibility to request the Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate.

Note: Postsecondary Vocational/General Educators/Administrators seeking licensure at the secondary level must meet secondary educator/administrator licensing requirements.

Backup material attached

Recommendation: Approval

PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR POSTSECONDARY INTERIM VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE

THREE YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE POSTSECONDARY INTERIM VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE			
<p><i>The <u>Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate</u> concept was developed in response to concerns regarding meeting the immediate needs of Postsecondary Vocational Institutions of Higher Education who provide instructional services to students at the secondary level and Non-Traditional Adult Vocational Entities. This license may only be used while employed by the requesting Postsecondary Vocational Institution of Higher Education or Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education Entity.</i></p>			
License	Requirements	Validity	Non-Renewable
Class A Class AA Class AAA Class AAAA	<p style="text-align: center;">REQUESTED BY VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION/NON-TRADITIONAL ADULT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ENTITY ONLY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter of request from the Vocational Institution of Higher Education/Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education 2. Completed Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate Licensure Application 3. Sealed Transcript(s) indicating educational attainment (High School Diploma, Associates, Bachelor's, Master's, Educational Specialist, or Doctoral Degree) 	3 years	May be re-issued only through written request from the Vocational Institution of Higher Education/Non-traditional Adult Vocational Education Entity which must include submission of completed Postsecondary Interim Vocational Certificate Licensure Application

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