

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
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EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To Approve Eight new Licensure Endorsement Codes for New Vocational Redesign Career Pathways as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development

PROPOSED NEW ENDORSEMENT CODES FOR REDESIGN CAREER PATHWAYS:

In September of 2006, the Commission was first introduced to the High School Redesign for Vocational Education. In January of 2007, phase one of that redesign was approved by the Commission with the adoption of the new curriculum for Career Discovery, Computer Discovery and Technology Discovery. In March of 2007, the Commission approved phase 2 of the redesign by approving three new endorsement codes for ICT I, ICT II and STEM, three new courses that would be piloted in the 2007-2008 school year with training in the summer of 2007.

The Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University is under contract with MS Department of Education to write the curriculum for all redesign courses. As the next phase of the redesign, RCU is ready to pilot eight (8) of the new Career Pathways that will eventually replace the current vocational structure. At the March 2008 Commission meeting, we are asking the Commission to approve eight new endorsement codes for these 8 new pathways.

The school districts selected to pilot these programs will select teachers to be trained this summer in these 8 areas of certification.

- 955 – Management
- 956 – Marketing and Economics
- 961 – Health Sciences
- 966 – Automotive Service
- 971 – Teacher Academy
- 972 – Culinary Arts
- 976 – Manufacturing
- 977 – Construction Technology

These endorsement codes are proposed as supplemental endorsements to a five-year standard license or a three-year vocational license. After the summer training, if the teachers meet all requirements listed in the attached documents, they will be issued an endorsement supplemental to their existing five-year or three-year license. If the teacher does not meet all requirements, they will be issued a three-year non-renewable endorsement until they can complete all requirements.